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Lack of Training and Boxing Condition Stand Out in Contests Featured by Cerdan, Champion of France

By PFC. ARTHUR M. BRANDEL

(Special to THE RING *Magazine)*

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY—Maybe no future champions were uncovered in the ring of the Brancaccio Theater in Rome, but boxing was not a loser when the Allied Sports Commission of the Mediterranean Theater put on the second annual championships in all pro and amateur classes.

Handicaps to the fighters were tremendous. But the boys put on a good show. Fight managers and fans back in the States would have been proud to have had a hand in it. The biggest obstacle for the fighters was the lack of training. And how badly they were handicapped was evinced by the fatigue which was clear to the guy sitting in the seat farthest from the ringside.

Uncle Sam contributed everything to the tournament except time for the boys to train properly. The Army, taking the stand that the men had to fight with guns first and gloves after, supplied the equipment, food and quarters. Allied Force Special Services, headed by Colonel Leon T. David of California, arranged to have the equipment brought over from America. Two hundred and fifty pairs of new gloves were used in the tournament. Each man got a pair of boxing shoes, trunks, socks, towels and bathrobes.

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THE men trained in Rome for the finals, at the Foro d'Italia, formerly the Foro Mussolini, built by Benny, as a huge sports center for the 1944 Olympics. The fencing salon, light and airy, was turned into a gym. And from the smell and appearance, with the chatter, smoke and noise, it might have been Stillman's, except that everyone was in uniform. Soldiers built the three rings, the rubbing tables, saw to it that the fighters had hot water for showers and did the work of setting up the ring and lights in the Brancaccio Theater.

A theater is never the best place to stage fights, but Rome has no indoor sports arena. The soldiers had to rig up floodlights, they had to fix up showers in the theater, they had to set up a ring.

The theater had been divided into zones: Fifth Army, Eighth Army, Adriatic, Tyrrhenian, North African, and southern France. The zones had preliminary eliminations. Fighters came from South Africa, Canada, England, France, Yugoslavia, Poland, Jamaica and America.

Teams with the biggest handicaps were the Fifth and Eighth Armies squads whose men came from foxholes to the ring and proved to their own satisfaction that a fellow may be in shape for front line fighting, but that a different kind of conditioning is needed to go three threes. Claude McLaughlin, fighting for the Adriatic Zone, had been called off the Fifth Army Front and told to get down to Rome for the tournament. McLaughlin, a good bantamweight, had been up on the front with his quartermaster outfit, temporarily assigned to the Fifth Army.

When he was told he was going to Rome, he replied, "Yeah, I'm gonna roam them hills with a rifle again." It took him four days to get down from the mud and cold because he had to hitch-hike. The kid, a likeable Negro boy, had little time to train and work out until the day before the fight. He hurt his right arm and developed a blood clot. The doctors told him he could go in if he wanted to. He did and in the second round had his opponent, Melvin Pullen, another good boy, in trouble. But in the next round he was through and Pullen KO'ed him. Had the boy been right, ringsiders all agreed he would have been the man to beat.

Another lad, Manuel Flores, an automatic rifleman with the 91st Infantry Division, fighting with the Fifth Army, showed some stuff. Flores, winner of the Purple Heart with Cluster, is a rough-and-tumble kid with lots of heart. He moves and hits and never steps back. He mauled his way to the finals and came up against one of the classiest lads in the tournament, 19-year-old Tommy McGovern of the RAF. McGovern looks like a comer. He's a cocky kid, knows he's good, wears his hair long and even in battle dress appears jaunty. He fights as a welter, but seems to be growing up as a middle, or even a light-heavy. Again the difference in conditioning showed. By the end of the third, Flores, still coming in, was tired and had lost his steam.

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THE big fight of the tournament, on pre-fight dope, was between Floyd Gibson, Negro middleweight from Pittsburgh, and Marcel Cerdan, the Frenchman, European middleweight champion. Gibson, handled by Sergeant Al Weisberger, had been touted plenty. He had been fighting against the best around, and the Italian and Arab fighters he met looked bad against him.

He doesn't hit hard, but he boxes well and is a good ring general. At ring time the odds were three to one on Cerdan to win, with even money on a knockout. Cerdan hits with both hands, hard and often. He tries to feint his man into position for the kill, and then leaps in and batters the guy down.

Gibson outboxed him in the first round, but Cerdan hit him low accidentally in the second, right where the lad had been operated on for a hernia. The Negro boy suffered, but managed to stay the distance. It was an example of conditioning. He was good, but not good enough for a fighter of the Cerdan caliber. Cerdan, serving in the French Navy, is handled by Gilbert Benaim, now an Aspirant in the French Army.

Benaim, known to the fight crowd as a partner of Lou Burston and a shrewd operator on the Continent, told about his activities in the French Army. Since the French Army is made up largely of African Colonials, there was little done for their recreation. Benaim came in and sold the big boys on organized recreation for the troops.

Benaim, who has handled boys like Panama Al Brown, Petey Martin, and Maurice Holtzer, former European flyweight champ, is a member of the Executive Operational Committee of the Allied Sports Commission. He worked with Captain Eustis "Useless" Al Bagget, former basketball coach of West Texas State College.

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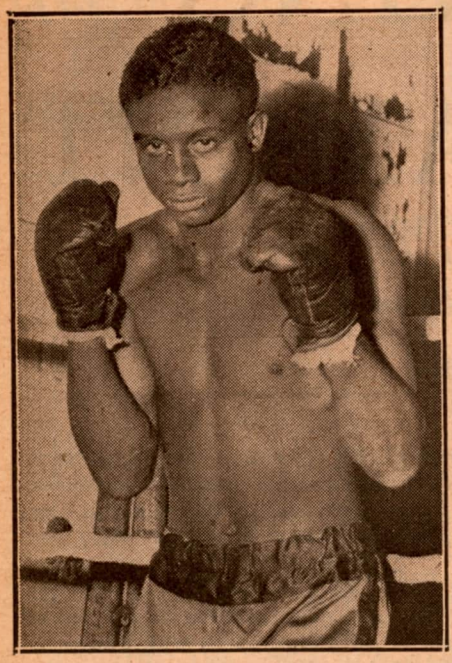
THE biggest thrill of the tournament was the fight between Cerdan and Technical Sergeant Ralph Burnley, Negro, from Philadelphia. The Frenchman was favored, 1 to 5. In the first round he twice rocked Cerdan with hard rights, the second one sending him half way across the *(Continued on page 37)*

HAWAII BOXERS *and* NIMITZ BOWL



Alex Childs from Fort Worth, Texas, is one of the outstanding fighters in the Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, 1944-45 boxing tournament. Childs is fighting for the Engineers.

LONG after this war is won and over, members of the Armed Forces will remember the good times they had at the boxing smokers held at the Nimitz Bowl, the Madison Square Garden of the Pacific. Lt.-Com. McConnaughay was the officer who planned the bowl with the help of the Seabees, and it has turned out to be the biggest and best recreation center in the Armed Forces.

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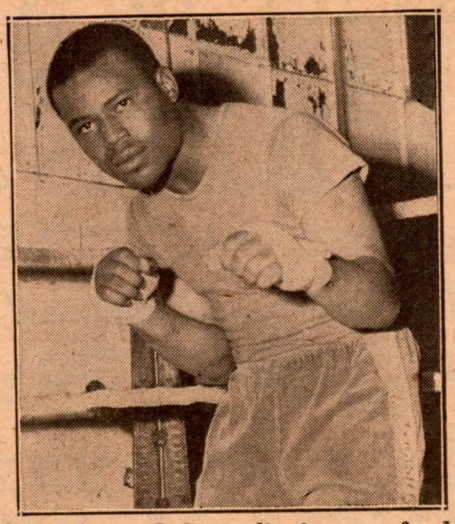
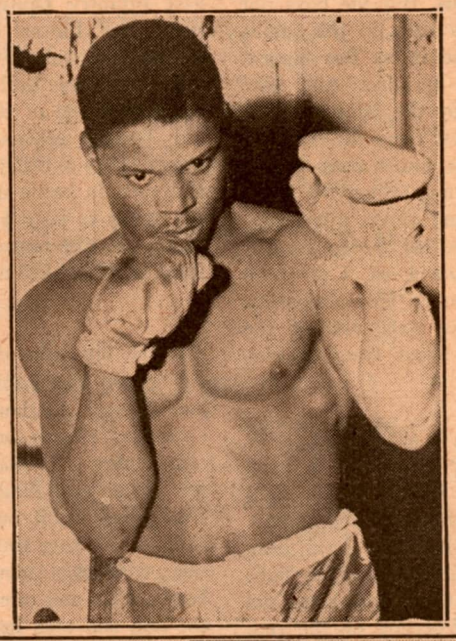
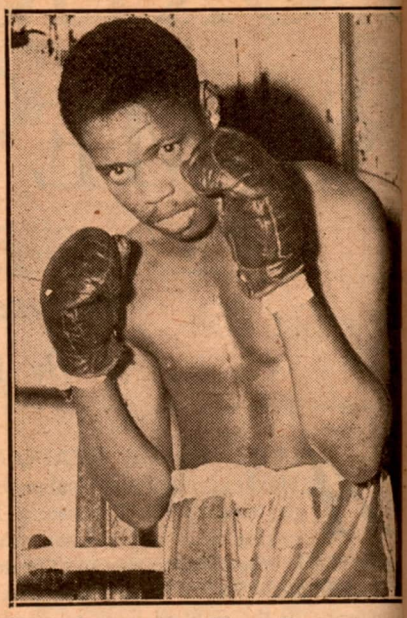


Al Johnson, Indianapolis, is a two-fisted member of the Engineer Hornet boxing team at Schofield Barracks. He is a heavy puncher.





Buck Garrett from Waco, Texas, is an o standing fighter in the Schofield Barra Hawaii, tournament. Coached by Alp Callihan the young scrapper shows prom of developing into a real winner.

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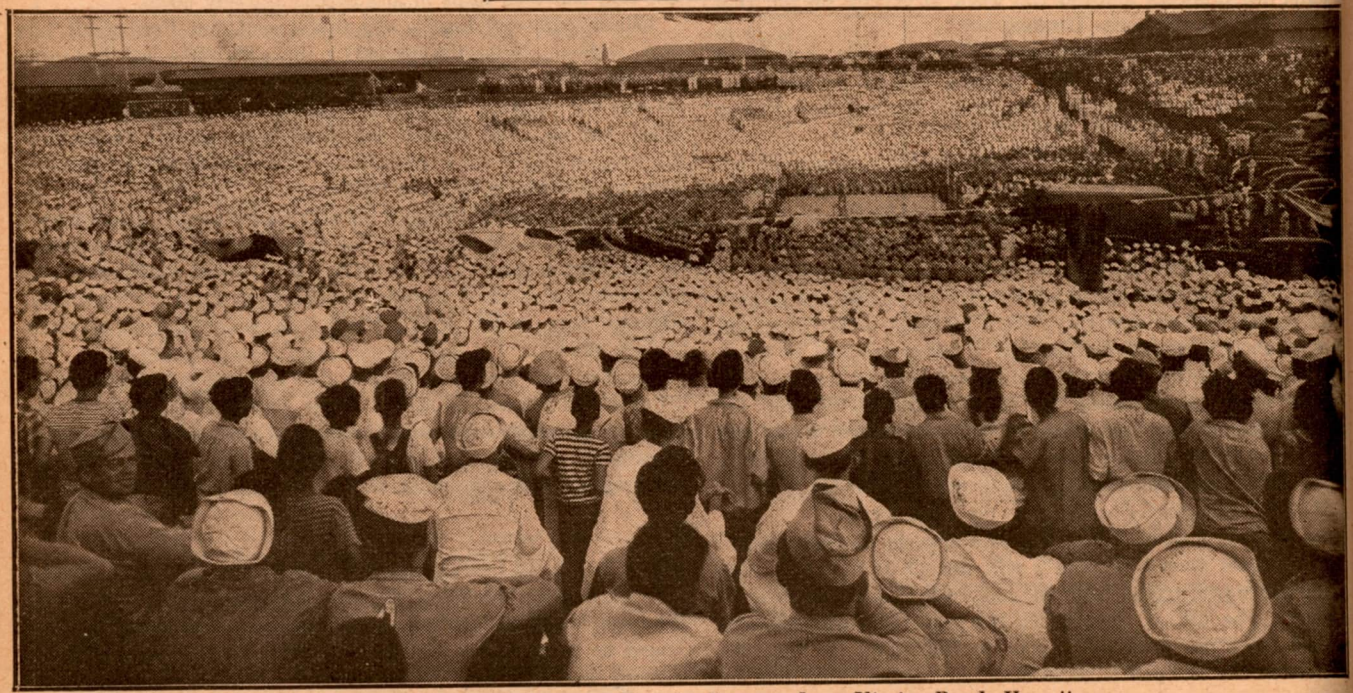
James Moten from Chicago, Illinois, is favorite with fight fans at Schofield Ba racks, Hawaii. Fighting for the Engine Hornets, Moten is coached by Alpi Callihan.



Thousands of servicemen watching boxing match at Nimitz Bowl, Hawaii.

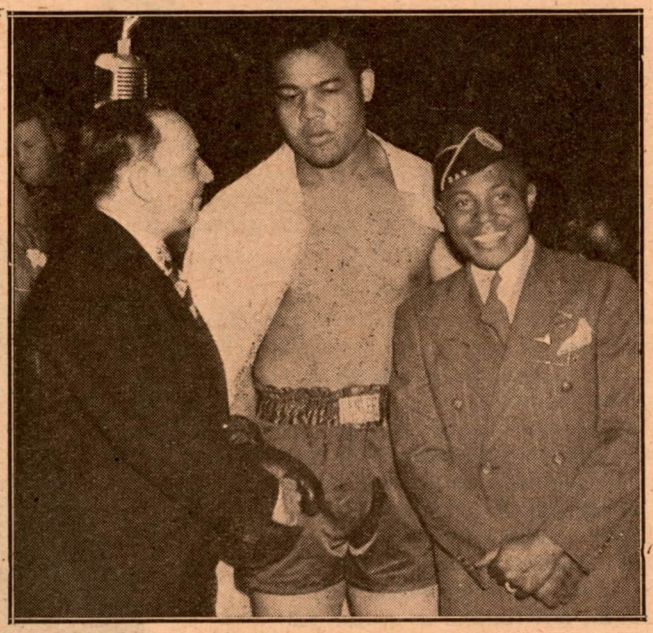
LOUIS TAKES NO CHANCES

Enforcement by General Phelan of New York Commission Boxing Law Banning Exhibition Bouts Caused Joe Louis to Land Quick Knockout on Johnny Davis at Buffalo During Champion's Recent Tour—All Other States Still Allow Theatrical Boxing Waged in Old Style

By GEORGE T. TICKELL

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION JOE LOUIS'S boxing tour, which began on November 3rd, and ended on November 17th, included two quick knockout victories, two in which he bested his opponents, and three bouts of merely an exhibition type with his sparring partner, Dee Amos. He put over the knockouts at the expense of Johnny Denson at Detroit, and Johnny Davis at Buffalo, in two and one rounds respectively. Charley Crump and Jimmy Bell each went three rounds with the Brown Bomber, the first at Baltimore, the second at Hartford, Conn.

Just before he stopped Davis at Buffalo, Louis was quoted in a newspaper interview as stating that he would finish his opponent in a hurry. It was the only time Joe ever made such a prediction prior to entering the ring. His reason for making the prophecy was due to an announcement issued by General John J. Phelan, head of the New York boxing commission, relative to the staging of so-called exhibitions within the bounds of the Empire State.



Left to right—Marty Gallagher, former heavyweight from Washington, now a referee. In rear—Milton D. Cohn, National Commander of Disabled Veterans; Sgt. Joe Louis and former Sgt. David "Speedy" Dixon, former lightweight champion of Washington and now Commander of the Con Young Post, No. 5. Taken at the Uline Arena where Joe had Walter Reed Hospital wounded service men as his guests and engaged in an exhibition for them.

General Phelan ruled that a decision must be rendered if Davis lasted the scheduled four rounds, and the contestants must use regulation six ounce gloves, instead of twelve ounce pillows, and officers must be assigned to judge the bout the same as for any other contests. So Louis went in for the kill, as he said he would.

The General's edict was born of the commission boxing law, which only covers genuine contests, and does not recognize exhibitions with big gloves. Thus, every bout within the limits of New York State must be waged in regulation style, with a referee and judges participating, and a decision declared at its conclusion.

This does not apply in the government of boxing in any other state, where exhibition bouts are not interfered with.

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ONCE before in the Empire State a heavyweight champion came under hostile fire by the commission when he contracted a theatrical engagement which included exhibitions with the gloves. The victim in that case was Gene Tunney.

A few weeks after Gene won the title from Jack Dempsey at Philadelphia in ten rounds, on September 23, 1926, he was billed to appear twice a day at the Palace Theatre, New York. He was scheduled to do bag-punching, rope-skipping and other athletic exercises, showing how he worked in training, demonstrate the most effective blows he used in defeating Dempsey and wind up by giving a three round glove exhibition with a sparring partner.

All was set to go, when the boxing commissioners stepped in at the eleventh hour and called a halt to the proceedings. They warned the champion that under the law no sparring on the stage could be allowed without a license, and if a theatre had such a license, every boxing bout it held must be under the jurisdiction of a referee and judges, with a decision announced at its close. In short, Tunney's championship title would be at stake every time he donned the gloves for an exhibition.

Furthermore, the commission explained regretfully, the Palace not possessing a license, the theatre would be raided if the prospective program was carried out, and those guilty of breaking the law would be arrested and punished.

There was no way of evading this stern decree, so Gene cancelled the Palace booking. He also abandoned the entire cross-country tour he had made arrangements for, figuring that there was no telling whether some boxing commission in other States might suddenly decide to follow the precedent set by the New York governing body. As already pointed out, none of them ever did, but Tunney wasn't taking any chances.

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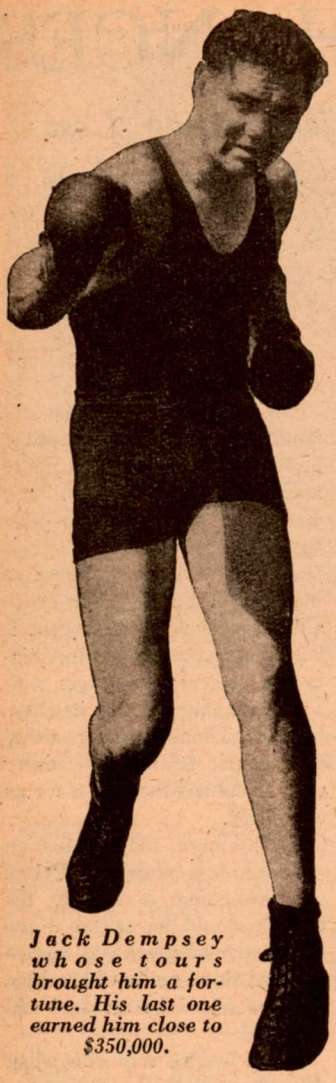
JACK DEMPSEY came out of retirement in 1931 to engage in a cross-country tour, giving exhibitions and meeting all-comers, which lasted until July 29, 1940. During that period he made 106 ring appearances and scored a large number of quick knockouts, and then again retired, this time permanently, after profiting on the tour under the guidance of Leonard Sacks, to $304,000. But it is noticeable that, probably warned by Tunney's misfortune, he left New York State out of his touring schedule. For that matter, no heavyweight champion since Gene occupied the throne ever ventured to try the exhibition stunt in the Empire State, though all of them appeared in touring exhibitions in other sections of the country.

Exhibition tours as a whole, have been financially successful, with one big exception. That was when Max Schmeling tried to capitalize on the heavyweight title he won from Jack Sharkey on June 12, 1930. Max put on a road show which didn't draw much more than the proverbial "Corporal's Guard," wherever he went. The fight fans unanimously stayed away from the German's glove-performances, the patronage being so poor that Schmeling shortly gave up the tour altogether.

His Teutonic origin had nothing to do with the failure. It was the manner in which he won the championship that riled the fans.



Jack Dempsey whose tours brought him a fortune. His last one earned him close to $350,000.

His manager, Joe Jacobs, claimed that he had been hit under the belt.

That claim was allowed and Max pronounced winner on a foul. But there were many present who disagreed with the ruling and believed the punch to have been well above the forbidden area; and among these were many of the press-stand experts.

At all events, the serio-comic finish hurt Schmeling's reputation considerably. Even a successful defense of his title against Young Stribling on July 3, 1931, did not quite restore him to public favor. And when he lost the championship to Jack Sharkey the following year in fifteen rounds, those who had disbelieved in his fistic ability had another laugh, and chorused triumphantly—"I told you so!".

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THE MOST remarkable of all boxing tours was that made from coast to coast by heavyweight John L. Sullivan in the heyday of his career. Sullivan started off in September, 1883, and was nine months on the road, during which time he knocked out more than half a hundred opponents. The Bostonian made no pretence of offering exhibitions, he was there to scrap and did it to the perfect satisfaction of all spectators.

It was a meeting-all-comers show in the true sense of the phrase, for John L. barred no opponents, it was first come, first served, with him, anyone who wanted his game could have it. It was his successful experiment in wholesale slugging that induced subsequent heavyweight champions to follow his example and made the stunt a highly popular one with the sport public.

If Sullivan's was the most famous of fighting tours, the one in which Primo Carnera figured as star, certainly comes under the heading of the most notorious. The giant Italian, widely boosted as a ring marvel was handed a soft one in the person of an obscure pug named Big Boy Peterson, on his arrival in this country, whom he kayoed in less than a round at Madison Square Garden on January 24, 1930.

That made headline advertising for him, because Peterson made such a rotten showing that it was impossible to judge correctly whether Primo was the real goods or not. On the strength of this dubious performance, the members of the gang of get-rich-quick men who had him in hand, started him on a Coast-to-Coast tour, lasting from January 31 to September 18, during which he scored seventeen knockouts, and won on a foul from George Godfrey, the classy Negro heavyweight.

A grand record—if everything had been on the square. But the joke of the thing was that everyone he whipped took a dive for him. His skilled manipulators saw to that and must be given credit, if there be any credit in such work, for doing a masterly job. And the cream of the jest was that Carnera himself didn't know how he was being handled, the good-humored, innocent big boob thought he was a world's wonder.

Yet, oddly enough, in course of time, Carnera developed into a fair boxer and won several victories fairly, over some good men. In fact, he actually became world's heavyweight champion in 1933, by a knockout of Jack Sharkey, who had previously defeated him on points in fifteen rounds. To this day, however, the scribes keep writing of the invisible blow that laid Sharkey low. The punch was tabbed as a right-hand uppercut, but few saw it land and this point was freely discussed pro and con after the battle, without any definite result being arrived at, and still is, for that matter.

Later Carnera beat Tommy Loughran, Ernie Schaaf and Paulino Uzcudun, but lost the world's title to Max Baer on an eleven round knockout in 1934, after which Primo never amounted to much. He must have made over a million dollars in ring purses, for there's no denying that he became a good drawing card. Yet in the long run, he hadn't a cent to show for his work, for those with whom he was associated got it all away from him. What they didn't take from the Italian as their portion of the partnership, they got by having Primo invest in real estate in which they were interested and which they were happy to dispose of at a "big loss." Yes, Primo fell for it all.

Primo Carnera who was well protected on his tour of the country.

AFTER William A. Brady succeeded in matching Corbett with Sullivan for the heavyweight championship he booked a tour through the country, and hired theatres and halls where Jim was billed as ready to meet any heavyweight for four rounds, offering $100 to anyone he couldn't beat in that time. This was taking quite a chance, for Corbett might have run into a kayo punch despite his superb boxing skill, or broken his hands, but he came through uninjured. He defeated or stopped twenty opponents, none of whose names was added to his record, as was the case with Sullivan when the latter made his continental tour.

At the end of the tour, Brady arranged for a big night in old Madison Square Garden. There Corbett met, in the one evening, three men, each weighing over 200 pounds, and stopped all three within the specified distance of four rounds, without even taking a rest between the sessions. His opponents were not pickups, either, for their number included George Spillings of Rochester, Bob Caffey of Philadelphia, and Sullivan's former sparring partner, Joe Lannon—all of recognized pugilistic standing.

The prevailing notion was that Corbett didn't carry a kayo punch, but this was not so. He could hit hard when required, but like many other clever boxers, preferred to save his hands and win, either by wearing down an opponent, or by taking point decisions. In his cross-country work, he stopped many of his adversaries by blinding them with such a burst of speed that they collapsed under the onslaught.

In his early days he put over many a clean knockout. The finish of his famous fight on a barge with Joe Choynski, near Benecia, California, came in the 27th round when he swung a left to Joe's chin that dropped the latter and sent him into a trance lasting over five minutes. And they didn't make 'em any tougher than Choynski, who never denied Corbett's possession of the wallop that stuns.

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LIKE Sullivan and Corbett, the record of Bob Fitzsimmons does not contain the names of many opponents he took on and stopped in one-night stands or longer theatrical engagements. Twice he had rather bad luck in this connection. On November 19, 1894, he was exhibiting at Syracuse, N. Y., with Con Riordan as his sparring partner. Con was a big chap, much heavier than Bob, who hailed from California, a bit slow, but a hard hitter who had won many scraps via the kayo route.

They were mixing it fairly fast, but with Bob, then middleweight champ, pulling his punches, when Con, after receiving an apparently light blow on the stomach, suddenly collapsed.

He was carried off the stage into the wings and a doctor who chanced to be in the audience came and attended to him. But all attempts to revive Riordan failed and he died without regaining his senses. Fitz was exonerated of blame for the death, when physicians performed an autopsy, and declared Con's demise was due to cardiac weakness and poor physical condition.

In the year following Fitzsimmons had another scare while traveling with a vaudeville company. A fine athletic-looking chap named Con Coughlin, of Irish birth, came from the Emerald Isle with a Gaelic football team. He was six feet tall and weighed 195 pounds. He had never done any professional boxing, but had won several amateur bouts on the other side of the Atlantic.

Joe Ross, a New York fight manager, persuaded Coughlin to turn professional, after which Ross made a few matches for him with minor pugilistic lights, which Coughlin won. Fitz was meeting all comers in an Albany theatre and Ross conceived the idea of sending his protege against the then middleweight champion.

This he did and in the second round, Bob hit the big man with a short right on the jaw which didn't travel six inches, but dropped him as though he had been struck with a club. Con was out cold and didn't come to when physicians worked over him. He was removed to the hospital, where for an entire night he remained in a state of coma.

Fitzsimmons was frantic with fear lest he might be involved in another ring fatality. But happily, this didn't occur. After many hours Coughlin regained his senses and finally recovered. But he announced that he was through with the ring and never put on the gloves again.

Bob, always a trifle superstitious, was the most thankful man in the wide world when he heard his late opponent was out of danger. Said the champion:

"That Con moniker is a hoodoo. I wouldn't box with a bally chap named Con again if Hi was h'offered all the money in the bloomin' United States treasury. The Cons are bloody bad luck for me, and Hi means to steer clear of 'em."

So far as is known Bob kept his word in that respect. While showing at Chicago's Park Theatre, two years later, he refused to take on a West Side heavyweight named Con Murphy. He gave no reason for his refusal to the press, but his manager, Martin Julian, afterwards told the writer in confidence that Fitz's action was solely caused by the memory of his painful experience with the two Cons, Riordan and Coughlin.

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THERE have been several instances of champions running into unwelcome surprises while giving boxing exhibitions but. with one exception, no title-holder of any class suffered the ignominy of a knockout while thus engaged. The exception was featherweight champion George Dixon.

On March 22, 1894, Dixon was paired with Walter Edgerton, the Negro boxer known as "The Kentucky Rosebud," in a three round boxing exhibition at Philadelphia in aid of the Bread Fund, on a program to which numerous star ring performers donated their services free.

Edgerton had long been a thorn in the champion featherweight's side, having met him three times at Philadelphia in four round bouts which resulted in two draws and one decision for Dixon. The latter won that last verdict by a very narrow point margin, so close that a majority of the Quaker City newspapers accused the referee of showing undue partiality toward the champion.

The Bud was clever and a stiff puncher but, judged by "form dope" his fistic rating was far inferior to that of Dixon, as he had been beaten by men whom George had no trouble defeating. Yet the champ could never handle Edgerton satisfactorily, something the sports could never quite understand and were only able to explain by asserting that the Bud had the "Indian sign" on the featherweight king.

When Manager Tom O'Rourke complied with the request of the promoters of the big charity benefit to have Dixon spar with the Rosebud, he did so because he believed that this time George would whip his rival decisively. Though the bout was billed as an exhibition, it can be taken for granted that O'Rourke, as well as the two principals, was well aware it would be a serious battle. There was too much bad blood between the lads to figure them as meeting on anything like a temporarily friendly basis.

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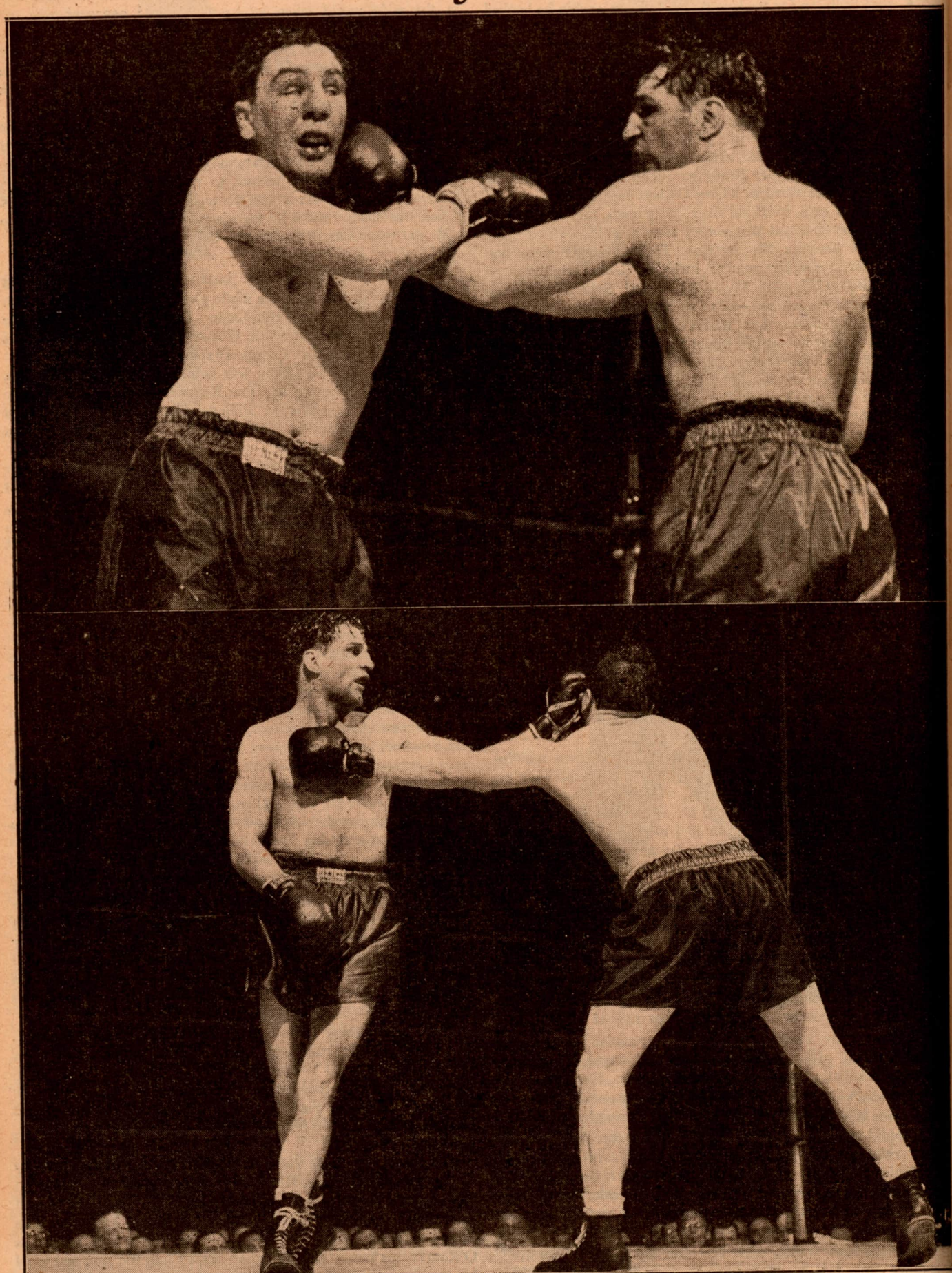
MANAGER JACK KEARNS used to send Jack Dempsey into action with the terse adjuration to—"Pull up your socks, go on in and slap that fellow down!" In the same spirit O'Rourke instructed Dixon before the opening round to carry the fight to Edgerton and stop him as quickly as he could and similar advice was given the Bud by his chief second. Both did their best to carry out orders. They came together like miniature whirlwinds and a hot slugging match developed.

There was nothing to choose between them in the first frame. In the second, the pace was again fast and furious. Dixon set the Bud back on his heels with a vicious uppercut on the chin. Edgerton clinched, they broke and sparred at long range for an instant. Suddenly the Rosebud backed up and George rushed him. As Dixon came in feinting, his left shoulder dropped a trifle, leaving an opening.

Over came the Bud's right like a thunderbolt, landing exactly on the point of the jaw. Dixon's hands fell to his side, he reeled and crashed to the floor, completely knocked out. The crowd went wild at the unexpected sight of the hitherto invincible little champion lying helpless on the floor and yelled still louder as O'Rourke, his face a ghastly pallor, leaped into the ring and toted his unconscious charge to his corner.

There Tom worked over him frantically, but two minutes elapsed before George opened his eyes and came round. The spectators thought it was all over. *(Continued on page 43)*

A SAD NIGHT *for* MAURIELLO



On top—Lee Oma crashes his left against Tami's jaw in final round of their bout in Madison Square Garden. Mauriello, a one time an outstanding contender for heavyweight honors, received the worst beating of his career.
Lower panel—Oma nonchalantly steps aside to let Tami's left go harmlessly by and at the same time, Lee shoots a stinging left to the face. The bout, won by Oma, was their second, Lee having been stopped in the first engagement in the eighth round.

8th Air Force Strong in Boxing

American Boys Go In Big for Fistic Sport at Overseas Base — Much Good Talent Discovered — "King Tut" Tabor the Outstanding Prospect

By PFC. MARK FANNON

Special to THE RING *from Somewhere in England*

WHEN the Air Force began to put on boxing in England as a form of entertainment, the outfit was far behind in the matter of boxers of ability and training facilities. It looked like a hopeless case to compete with the Infantry, Paratroops and other outfits, who emphasized boxing as a regular form of exercise to condition their men. No regular training program could be put on in sports because of the irregular hours which the Air Force is forced to work in a war zone. Then, too, the Air men—those who fly, were not allowed to box for fear of hurting their eyes, nose, ears or any part of their face or body which would be a handicap to their flying. Nothing must hinder a flyer from having a clear mind. One false move over enemy territory means "curtains."

There were a lot of boxing gloves shipped over with the troops. Each base had plenty of sets of 16 ounce training mitts. Soon a lot of the lads who liked to swap blows, or boys who had previous experience, met in the gym for a little of their favorite sport. Word got around that several bases had a few lads who were better than average with the leather mittens.

Sgt. Joe Molinari, a small man with a cigar, who knows the boxing game from A to Z, came over in June. In July he had a talk with Lt. Tremble in regard to putting on a show in the Third Bomb Division of which Lt. Tremble was the Special Service Officer. The Lieutenant told Joe to submit an application stating what he wanted to do, but the application was turned down by the big boys.

Later on Capt. Boyle replaced Lt. Tremble as the Third Bomb Division Special Service Officer. Capt. William Bailey was Capt. Boyle's assistant. Running through the files, Capt. Bailey spotted Joe's application and immediately summoned him for an interview. It was this meeting that resulted in having Joe try out the new venture at Bury St. Edmunds. Now this was a task, for the sleepy old town of Bury was never known to be enthused about a brutal sport such as boxing. No boxing show there had drawn more than 400 people, but before Joe finished promoting, he was able to see 4,000 around the ringside, more than half of them so-called reserved English people yelling like mad.

Such enthusiasm was not by chance, however. Mr. Claude Myers, of the Bury Red Cross Club, co-operated 100 per cent with the boxers and the promoters. The boxers slept and ate at this club and no demand was too big to ask of the Red Cross. The fighters themselves were the type that made an instant impression. Each month the people looked forward to seeing them again. American boxing truly was a thrilling sport.

Capt. William Bailey's co-operation was of the best. He left the show completely in the hands of the enlisted men and backed their every decision. There was a good feeling about the whole affair.

Six bouts were held at the first show and each month thereafter the shows became better and bigger.

So successful were these shows that Joe was soon busy putting on shows at many bases. He had shows in 6 places besides his Bury shows. This was a wealth of talent, and from these shows emerged the Eighth Air Force champions. First the Third Bomb Division champs were decided; then the Third Bomb Division and Second Bomb Division winners met. Then the winners of this show clashed with the First Bomb Division and finally the winners of this, faced the Fighter Command for the titles. The Eighth Air Force championships were put on by Joe at Cambridge before General Doolittle. Everything went off like clockwork. It was as fine a card as you would care to see.

In December 1943, the first show was held at Bury. Four months later, in April, the Eighth Air Force champions were crowned.

To be the Eighth Air Force champion, a boxer doesn't have to be a world's champ, but he certainly must be better than fair to be the master of the 8th Air Force boys of his weight. The number of men in the 8th is a military secret but you can guess that it is a vast amount of men, mostly of boxing age.

With the confidence acquired from winning the 8th AF titles, the team and runners up entered the USSTAF tournament. Entered in the USSTAF championships were the 9th Air Force champions, Service Command champs, and the 8th Air Force.

Before the bell, the 8th was conceded but one title—that to Primitivo Molina, 1943 ETO bantamweight champion. But the 8th surprised them all by taking 5 of the 8 titles and almost taking two more. Only Leo Matriciani, Service Command champ and Conn's sparring partner, clearly won his title. The other two winners, Herbie Williams and Aaron Kahn, were very lucky indeed.

Many of the present stars in England were discovered in Bury.

A mild-mannered, fair-haired lad, wearing glasses, who looked like Tommy Dorsey, came into Bury and asked if he could get a fight. No one paid much attention to him. Some said he was very good but he sure didn't look it. They pitted him against Johnny Ford of Atlantic City, a tough boy.

No sooner had the bell sounded than the spectators were standing on their chairs. Who was this wildcat? He was fighting like mad. In the third round he slammed Ford to a standstill. The kid was out.

Who was this tiger travelling in sheep's clothing? None other than "King Tut" Tabor.

Primitivo Molina came to Bury for the second show. Molina was the ETO bantamweight champion in 1943. Opponents usually shook when they heard his name. Who would fight him? There was a short, dark haired, handsome kid about 5 feet tall, standing in a corner. He was a fighter, they said, although no one would box with him because he was too fast for them at his base. He couldn't get anyone to train with him. Would he take on Molina? He wasn't in good shape, he said, but he'd fight him.

That was one of the fastest battles ever seen over here. The short, dark haired lad tore into Molina, weaving, bobbing and shooting piston-like blows to the body. Molina tried to keep him away with fast sweeping lefts. There was little to choose between the two. In the last round, the mystery boy grew stronger and the pace began to tell on the ETO champ. His body blows were taking effect. At the bell the crowd waited breathlessly for the verdict. It went to Molina but it was not popular at all and a howl went up in the stands.

And the name of this dark haired whirlwind—"Porky" Moreno —8th Air Force champion.

Joe Lucignano and Harold Gary, two 8th AF champs, also started their rise at Bury.

Several 8th AF champs are at present with the Billy Conn troupe currently touring the Mediterranean They have made a big hit everywhere they have gone. On their return, they will be looked over with interest and the boxing picture will take on a brighter glow.

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Nat FLEISCHER says:

Work or Fight Order Hurts Sports But Boxing Continues to Carry On; Young Boxers Being Worked to Death

AS THIS ISSUE OF THE RING Magazine goes to press, professional sport in the United States is in considerable turmoil. This traces to two sources—the President of the United States and War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes.

Mr. Roosevelt's demand for a national conscription act and the forcing of the four million 4-F's into service or war plants followed Mr. Byrnes's attack on all professional athletes still in civilian life. The Byrnes blast was a corollary to the order stopping horse racing in this nation.

Naturally, the passage of new legislation affecting the 4-F's will have some bearing on the manpower situation in boxing. A work or fight order will cut down the boxer supply.

However, boxing is not going to be affected as seriously as the team sports. Baseball and football would suffer tremendously if the 4-F edict went through. But boxing is one man on a side.

Boxing has proved during the past two years that it can be carried on with ordinary fighters, who, well matched, give the fans the action they seek. Topnotchers are not necessarily required. Madison Square Garden shows so frequently have demonstrated that. The majority of those who have been deferred can be spared by boxing and those who have been discharged, stand little chance of being recalled. Many additional name fighters may be called under the "work or fight" policy, but the fistic business can always supply new attractions.

Whatever happens, there will be sufficient boxing talent to enable promoters to go about their plans as heretofore, though they may be forced to reduce the number of shows. One thing is certain however—there will be no shutdown unless by Uncle Sam. Champions in the service already have been banned by the Army and Navy and there is a strong possibility that a general order, such as has been issued by the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, will be put into effect in the Army, barring all members of the armed forces from participation in commercial boxing. Already such an order has been issued in England by the U. S. Army.

The promoters will take cognizance of the situation and not antagonize the War Mobilizer or other Washington officials by signing service men.

Boxers who have been discharged for minor physical ailments or have been deferred for other reasons, can help the sport by forgetting boxing until conditions ease up on the European front and enlisting for war plant work.

Many of the so-called top notchers are shopworn, but t seem to fill the bill. With them are youngsters, still in their te awaiting a call to the armed forces. Between them, if well matc they can fill the gap caused by the exodus of men who have jo the colors.

To veterans and youth boxing now must look, and they h done pretty well judging by the rise of interest in 1944.

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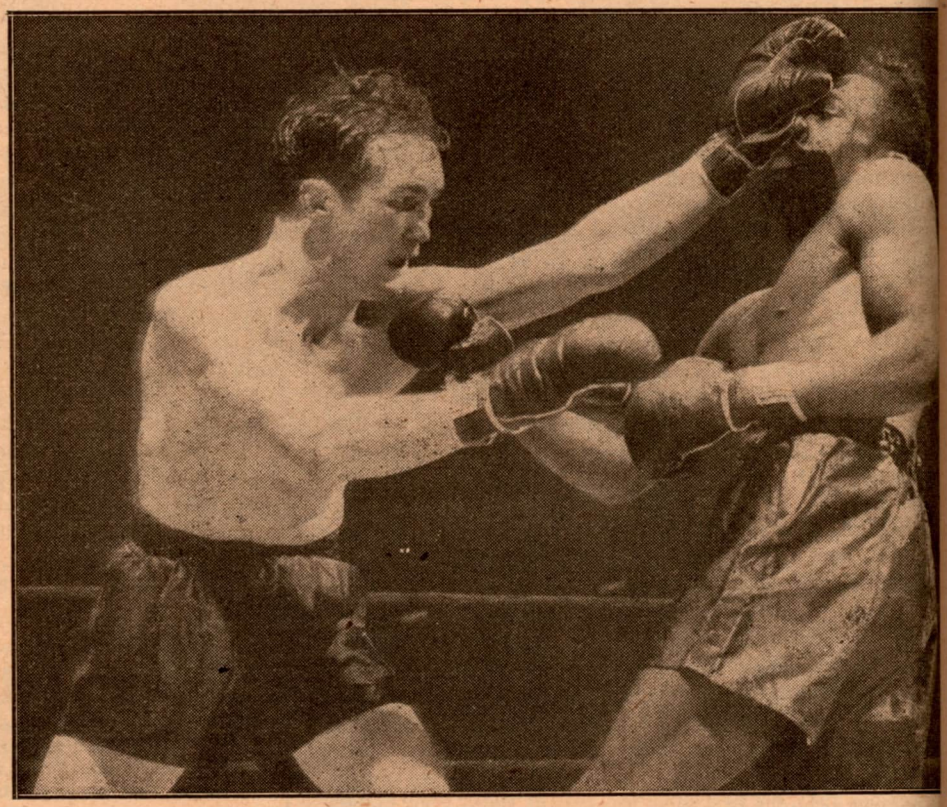
WHILE on the subject of youth in boxing, it is timely issue a warning to promoters and matchmakers not to the goose that laid the golden egg by overworking these young Care must be taken to protect their health. A study of the si tion has proved that commission rules are being flouted often consent of the officials. If conditions are not altered, we will h a bunch of stumble-bums parading around as former professi fighters. The health of many lads still under twenty is b impaired by putting them in contests of from four to ten ro as often as two and three times a week.

Why have Commission rules if they are not obeyed? Why h a commission at all, if the members do not safeguard those are under their protection?

In compiling the records of more than 3000 boys for annual Ring Record Book, I was amazed to see the numbe



A lesson in thumbing. Here Fritzie Zivic shows the youthful eighteen-year-old Billy Arnold it should be done with greatest effectiveness. Fritzie won the fight by a two to one vote o officials in Madison Square Garden.

times some of the lesser lights in the sport participated in bouts during a month. I came across boxers who engaged as often as three times a week. I found this in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and in California. Some boys fought one day in New York, the next in New Jersey and two nights later appeared for a third time, in Madison Square Garden.

My records show a fighter taking part in a bout in White Plains over the six round route on Tuesday, Ridgewood Grove in an eight-rounder on Saturday, and the following Monday in six rounds at the St. Nicholas Club. Such competition will soon make psysical wrecks out of the participants. Take heed, you promoters!

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SINCE the start of the new year, I find that such competition is becoming more frequent than heretofore. For example, take the case of Jerry McGee, Augusta middleweight. Jerry fought at White Plains on Tuesday, November 7; at Ridgewood Grove, November 11, four days later, during the same week. On November 14 he fought in Buffalo, and on the 18th he fought in Ridgewood, on the 21st at White Plains, on the 25th at Ridgewood and the 28th at the Broadway Club. On December 30 he was stopped at Ridgewood by Leo Romanello because of a cut eye yet three days later he lost in four rounds to Neal Stokes at White Plains.

Here are some cases that have been recorded since the start of this year:

Kenny Reid, Battle Creek, Michigan, welter, fought Wesley Mouzon in Philadelphia on January 1 and was kayoed in three rounds, yet the following day we find him fighting at the Broadway Club in Brooklyn against Frankie Jordan.

Walter Halba, Milwaukee lightweight, drew with Eddie Simmons at Milwaukee on January 1 and fought Kid Carson in Chicago the next day for five rounds.

Bert Lytell, the Chocolate Kid from Fresno, California, a middleweight, lost in ten to Henry Chmielewski in Boston on January 4, then fought Henry Jordan two days later at Ridgewood Grove in Brooklyn and scored a kayo in four rounds.

Leon Szymurski, Chester, Pa., light-heavyweight, stopped Stanley Lewis in Camden, N. J., in two on January 4 and the next day won in six from Steve Brogan in Philadelphia.

Frankie Parramore, Chester, Pa., feather, fought twice in one week in Philadelphia, stopping Tippy Morgan in two and winning in six from Fred Burke.

Maurice Lavigne, Montreal welter, won in six from Chris Adcock at White Plains on January 2 and two days later stopped Jack Garring in Camden in two.

These are only a few taken at random.

Many of those who take part in more than one bout a week are doing so because they expect to be inducted into service and are trying to get all they can out of the fight game before joining the colors. Those are the youngsters who need more protection than the veterans. It is the lads under twenty for whom the one fight per week rule was placed upon the books in almost every state and should be enforced if the physical and mental health of those boys is to be considered.

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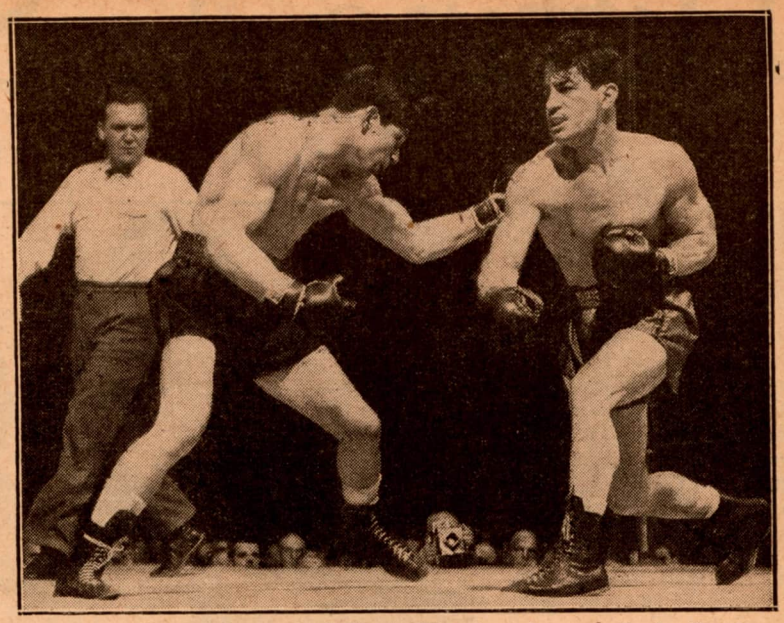
WHEN the Casino Club at Fall River staged its final show of the year on December 28 with Harry Davis dividing the honors with Pat Demers, Sam Silverman's organization set a record that will be difficult to top. The programme was the 155th in the last 156 weeks, and the 104th consecutive weekly exhibition at the Casino. There's a record for which Sam and his colleagues receive our congratulations. It takes plenty of guts to carry on week after week despite weather conditions, and what the Casino Club has accomplished, deserves the hearty commendation of New England fight fans and their continued support. In 1942 the Casino staged a show every week but one and through the last year, there was no idle boxing night.



A scene in the eighth round of the thrilling bout between Rocky Graziano (right) and Harold Green in the Garden. Green gained the verdict.

The Casino Club is one of many organizations that has kept boxing in the spotlight and has been paid dividends for so doing. Of the larger organizations, the two outstanding promoters were Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century A. C. and Herman Taylor with his Philadelphia Club. Between them, they grossed a little more than a million and three quarters, a record sum for a year in which world champions, with few exceptions, were idle. Uncle Mike grossed $1,395,033 and Taylor's figures mount up to $499,146.40.

Taylor's 21 shows were well-attended because, like Jacobs, he has been giving the Philadelphia fans good action bouts with well matched boys. "Muggsy" has been responsible for the development of many young lads into national figures. He has built up in his club many youngsters who, after their period of apprenticeship, have become stellar attractions, among them Billy Arnold, Ike Williams, Billy Fox, Bobby Smith, and Bob Montgomery.

Only Jacobs' 20th Century Club topped Taylor's total in 1944. In the previous year, his 23 shows grossed $434,787.17.

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THE DEFEAT of Billy Arnold by the veteran Fritzie Zivic, former welterweight champion who is stationed as a soldier at Normoyle Field, should not discourage the young schoolboy, who, despite the setback—his first in 32 contests—gave a good performance for a lad who has been fighting professionally only a year.

Though he did considerable missing, as was to be expected from one facing a ring master who is an expert in every trick of the game, Billy acquitted himself pretty well. He lost the verdict on a split decision, with the referee, Arthur Donovan, giving him only two rounds and Judge Marty Monroe awarding three while Judge Jack Gordon gave him an even break, four to four, but the verdict didn't do justice to the eighteen-year-old youth who did most of the forcing and the harder hitting and at least should have gotten a draw.

Billy answered the one question uppermost in the minds of the experts who have seen him batter foe after foe into submission. What they wanted to know was could Billy take it as he could dish it out. He showed that he could by taking Fritzie's hardest blows without whimpering or stepping back. Fritzie no longer can dish it out as in his prime, but he still possesses a sock when properly set for the delivery and Arnold can testify to the fact that when Zivic lashed out in the crowd-appealing rally towards the end of each round, he let go some hefty wallops.

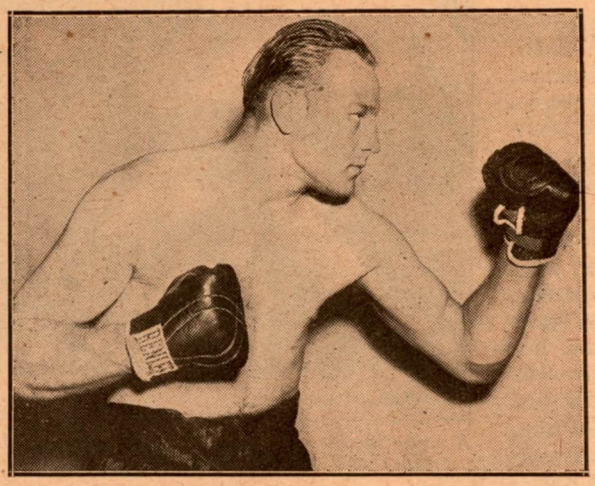
It was those last few seconds' rallies that held the attention of the 16,923 fans who paid $57,556 to see the mill. The general sentiment favored the soldier veteran. *(Continued on page 31)*

Hitting the Spotlight

By FRED EISENSTADT

IN his two Madison Square Garden appearances this year, Johnny Flynn outboxed and outpunched the highly-touted heavyweight champion of the South, Tommy Gomez, and knocked out the tough and rugged N. J. Negro, Wallace Cross, in five hard-fought rounds. Both showings were thoroughly impressive and proved that Flynn is ready to mingle with such heavyweights as Joe Baksi, Tami Mauriello, Lee Q. Murray, Melio Bettina, Curtis Sheppard and other good fighters.

Flynn, since he started boxing as a pro in 1940, has crossed mitts with such fighters as Bob Pastor, Buddy Walker, Lee Savold, Bob Smith, Freddie Fiducia, Gus Dorazio, Big Jim Thompson and Clarence Brown. He boxed a draw with Joe Muscato; defeated Cyclone Williams, Jack O'Sullivan; knocked out Jack Downey, Julio Ortenzio, Dan Merritt and Gilbert Stromquist.



Johnny Flynn, young heavyweight who looms as a fine prospect in 1945 campaign.

Flynn was born John Kowalczyk, in Rochester, N. Y., about 26 years ago, and is of Polish parents. He changed his name to "Johnny Flynn" when he launched on a career of professional boxing. He never fought as an amateur. He was started by Sam Meyers, who taught him the art of fisticuffs.

The game, hard-punching Pole is married and is now operating a farm. Says his new manager, Tom Stanley: "Flynn has the makings of a top-flight heavyweight—and I'm going to see to it that he gets a chance to prove how good he really is. The fact that he's beaten Earl Lowman, Larry Lane and Teddy Randolph is only half proof. Or that he's made it hot for Freddie Schott, Lou Nova and Al Hart."

Standing well over six feet, Flynn tips the beam at about 210 pounds. He is more than a fair boxer and knows how to put his weight behind a punch. His early defeats can be blamed on the fact that he was matched 'way over his head for a lad with such limited ring experience. Stanley is trying to get the men who have beaten Johnny a few years ago to fight him now.

Flynn's two latest victims were Frank Androff, whom he kayoed in one round, and Joe Maxim whom he defeated in 10 heats, the last being a feather in Flynn's cap as Maxim is rated high in THE RING'S World Rankings of Boxers for 1944.

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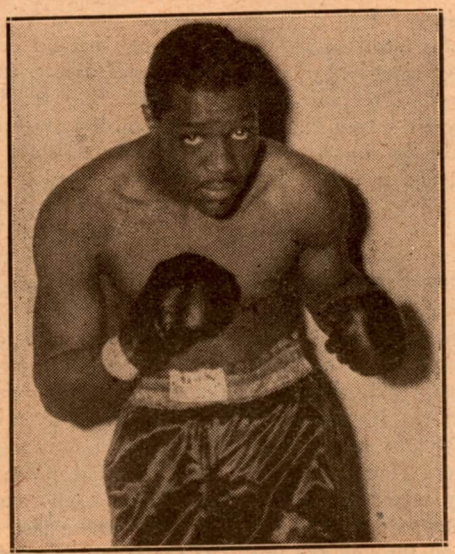
EUGENE BURTON

ON November 20th, 1944, William Schulkin of THE RING staff, went to Philadelphia, Pa., to see the battle between Eugene Burton and Billy Nixon at the Met on the possibility of witnessing an upset. Nixon having been installed a five to one favorite. The reason for these figures was because Billy, a devastating puncher, had five days previously given Frankie Wills, highly-touted Washington, D. C., welterweight, a decisive licking.

"Well, I certainly witnessed an upset," reported Mr. Schulkin. "And it was a thriller. Nixon, a full-fledged welter, went after lightweight Eugene Burton with murder in his gloved fists, determined to flatten him as early as possible. Burton, a far more skillful mittman than he has been given credit for, made his rival's wallops miss his chin by a hair's breadth—a feat that made the packed arena gasp with amazement and delight. He also boxed carefully and watched for an opening.

"That opening," continued Schulkin, "came in the third heat. Like a flash, Burton's right fist shot out and landed flush on Nixon's jaw—and Nixon landed on the canvas. He rose, but a flurry of punches put the snore on him. Those who'd bet on Nixon were almost as stunned as he was, and so was I—but for quite another reason. You see, I knew that Eugene Burton was a clever boxer and a good hitter, but I ha no idea he was so terrific a puncher. He a most promising lightweight."



Eugene Burton, a hard-hitting Negro lightweight.

The latter statement is by no means a exaggeration. Numbered among Burton 17 victims are: Johnny Bellus; Charle Williams, twice—once at Madison Squa Garden; Bobby Gunther; Johnny Cod Charley Davis, twice; Mike Bulick; Bobb Root; Ralph Walton; Jimmy Hatcher Bobby Winters and Dorsey Lay—a highly rated lightweight prospect.

Eugene Burton was born at Palm Beac Florida, on Oct. 3, 1923. He came to Ne York in 1927. Attended the N. Y. Vocation High School, where he studied electric engineering. He started his amateur boxin career in 1940. As a featherweight, he wo the N. Y. American Diamond Belt tit He garnered the Metropolitan lightweig championship, the Eastern and Weste Golden Gloves titles.

Bill Miller—who trained the former ba tamweight champ, Panama Al Brown, an Tiger Flowers—taught and trained Burt and is looking after his professional caree

Speed, clever boxing and accurate punc ing is what makes Eugene Burton one the most feared scrappers in the game. H has one of the snappiest left hands in t business and is fast and shifty. He is a flas boxer.

Never out of condition, he's ready at a times to step into a ring at a momen notice, be it in the lightweight or welte weight class—and notwithstanding the rep tation of his opponent.

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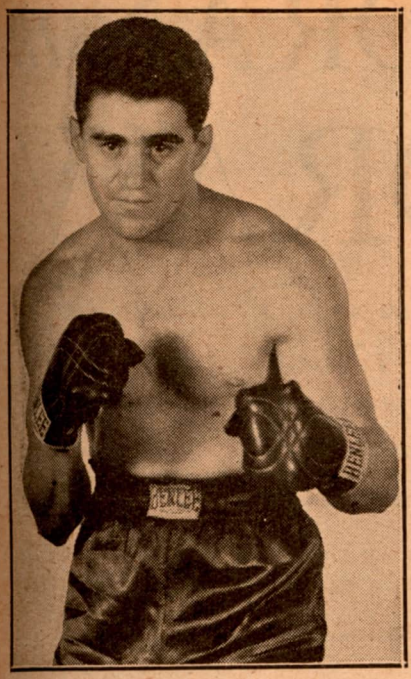
VINCENT LA SALVA

VINCENT LA SALVA, a brilli prospect from Mount Vernon, N. has been boxing professionally since Oct ber, 1942. He enlisted in the U. S. Na early in 1943 and was in the service f about one year. He resumed boxing in 19 and has piled up an envious record.

Vinnie took on Phil Palmer, latest sens tion from Vancouver, B.C., who had unbeaten record of ten consecutive bou eight by the knockout route since maki his debut in Eastern rings. This bout w fought at the Westchester Community Ce ter and Vinnie lost the decision in a sens tional fight. White Plains fans booed t decision and demanded a rematch. Palm in the meantime, scored three knockouts i row at local clubs—and then came the retu bout.

Fans are still talking about that on Vinnie piled up a big lead, but wilted t wards the finish. The decision was a dr at the end of eight hectic rounds. Ma thought La Salva should have been giv the nod. This bout put La Salva in so with Westchester fans and in his first ma go in White Plains, Vinnie trimmed t highly touted Patsy Giordano of Toron Canada.

La Salva was then matched in the featu event at Ridgewood Grove against the v eran campaigner, Maxie Berger, a boy w has fought the leading welterweights in t



Vincent La Salva, Mount Vernon, N. Y., welterweight.

past eight years. Vinnie turned in a splendid performance although losing a close decision at the end of a very hard-fought battle. Many in the audience thought Vinnie earned a draw.

Vinnie is managed by Bobby Gleason, who would best be remembered for the excellent job he is doing with Phil Terranova, former N.B.A. Featherweight Champion.

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MARIO MISCELLI

THIS Brooklyn youngster who swings a left hook like his neighbor Al Davis, is fast proving to be one of the most popular boys displaying his wares around New Haven rings. He took part in only three preliminary bouts before making his debut as a main event performer.

Mario is of Italian descent and is 21 years old. He has an aggressive style and never fails to please. Has already fought such name fighters as Tom Collins, Joe Matone, Rudy Richardson, George Red Doty and many other prominent boys in the state of Connecticut. He has been boxing professionally about one year and already has made a name for himself.

Most of the leading boys run to cover at the mere mention of his name. Mario punches well with either hand and is bound to make a hit with the fans wherever he shows.

He feels he has served his apprenticeship and is now ready to step out against the likes of Rocky Graziano, Harold Green, and Morris Reif. Miscelli would certainly prove a worthy opponent for any of the above trio, and don't be surprised to see him in there battling that combination before the '45 boxing season is over.

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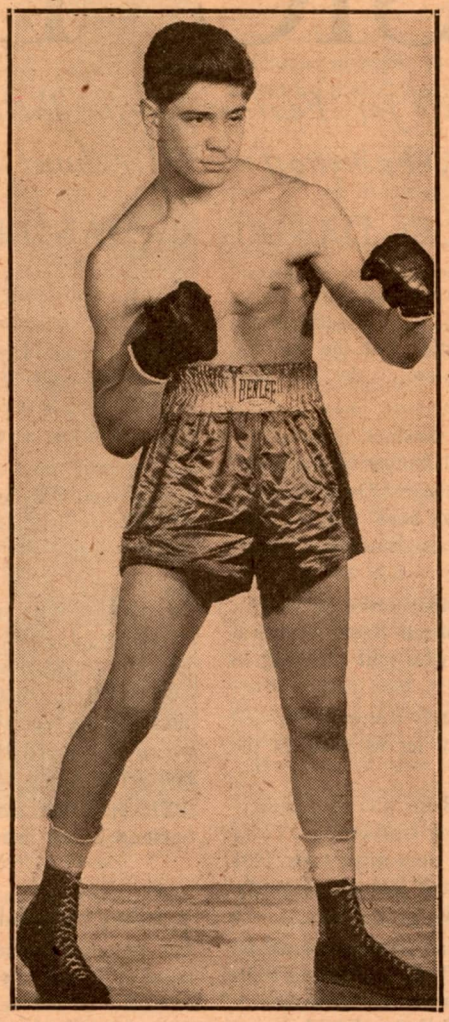
VINNIE MELITO

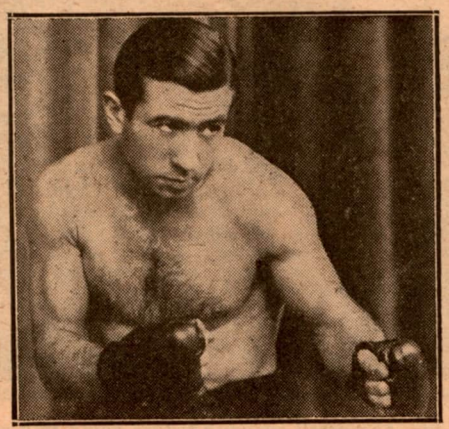
THE pages of pugilistic history are studded with names of boxers whose fathers before them had been successful ring gladiators. There were among others Bob Fitzsimmons, Jr.; Billy Miske, Mike Gibbons, Jack Britton and Bobby Ruffin—whose dad fought under the name of Teddy Hubbs. And now, rising out of the obscurity of the preliminary class and making rapid headway, is Vinnie Melito, whose father, Lou, was a tough featherweight some 25 years ago.

Like his dad, Vinnie is a good scrapper.

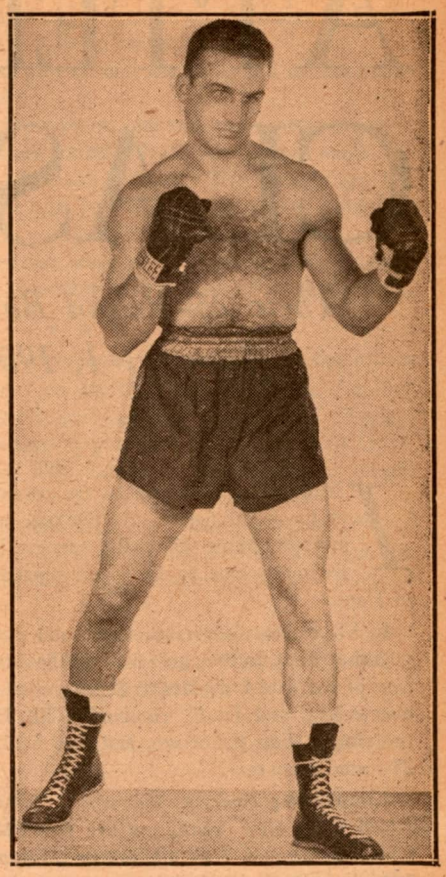


Vinnie Melito, who is trying to follow in the footsteps of his dad.

Coupled with his strength and endurance, Vinnie has acquired many useful points of science to help him along the rough path of pugilism. The youngster's left fist can dart out with lightning-like speed and carries sufficient power to stagger an opponent. When he hooks it, which is often, the blow is executed almost to perfection.



Al Phillips, one of the best featherweights in England.



Mario Miscelli, Brooklyn welterweight.

Courage and aggressiveness are added assets to the boy's fistic repertoire. He is also possessed of a hard-thumping right mitt, and he is an effective infighter. "Vinnie improves with every bout," says his trainer, world-famous Whitey Bimstein. "He's always asking me to let him work out with good boxers."

Born Vincent Melito, on March 9, 1927, in Jamaica, L. I., he left Woodrow Wilson High School during the fifth term. "Because," explained Vinnie, smiling, "I was unable to choose between becoming either an automobile mechanic or a machinist." And so, having inherited the fighting spirit of his father, the kid decided to become a boxer.

"My father tried to teach me what he knew about boxing," the boy went on. "But I knew right away I couldn't learn anything about the finer points from him. Dad had been strictly a rough and ready sort of scrapper; the mow-'em-down type of fighter. I'm anxious to be a clever boxer."

Vinnie Melito began learning the science of fisticuffs at the Beaver Gym when he reached the age of fifteen, working out under the directions of the amiable Dick Vick, handler of numerous noted ringmen, now in the Army. After six months of patient and laborious teaching, Vick entered Vinnie in the amateurs. The kid did very well. In 18 months he engaged in thirty-eight contests, losing five and later reversing three of the defeats.

"I'm trying to wipe out my two other losses," said Melito. "But Choo-Choo Johnson is in the service and Dennis Brady refused to meet me again. Both of 'em are now boxing professionally."

Vinnie joined the pro ranks five months ago under the care of Irving Cohen. He won

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ATTELL *and* MORAN *in* CLASSIC DRAW

Their 25-Round Battle for Featherweight Title in San Francisco on January 1, 1908, Famous for "Merchant of Venice" Angle

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

IN our journey through the corridors of Time, in search of the great fights, and the odd ones, the dramatic scraps and the funny ones, the earnest battles and the phonies, we now come to the fistic reproduction of the *Merchant of Venice.*

In Shakespeare's version of the old play, Shylock demands his pound of flesh. In the ring edition, Abe Attell, featherweight champion of the world, demanded $1500 for an ounce of Owen Moran's overweight, and finally received $250. Then Attell climbed into the ring at San Francisco, and was held to a draw in a furious 25-round encounter.

All this happened on January 1, 1908, thirty-seven years ago. Attell is in New York, not far from Madison Square Garden, where he runs a cocktail lounge. Moran, who quit the ring in 1916, is in England, doubtless running a pub.

Before we go into the details of the Attell-Moran battle and the celebrated *Merchant of Venice* incident, let us paint in the scenery.

First let us examine Mr. Attell. In 1908 he was the featherweight title holder, by acclaim. When Young Corbett and Terry McGovern had moved into the lightweight class after their 1901 fight for the feather title at Hartford, Attell laid claim to the championship, and eventually made that claim stick.

Leading up to the 1908 battle with Moran, Abe had knocked out Harry Baker, beaten Spike Robson and Tommy Toole in Philadelphia in six-round no-decision bouts, won from Kid Solomon in 20 heats, in Los Angeles, and outpointed Jimmy Walsh in ten in Indianapolis. Attell also had gone six rounds to a draw with Brooklyn Tommy Sullivan in Alton, Ill., and had stopped Freddie Weeks in four in Los Angeles.

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NO terrific year was 1907 for the cool, calculating, clever, expertly financial Mr. Attell.

Moran came to the United States from England labelled the best feather over there.

On January 23, 1905, Moran won from Digger Stanley in 20 rounds before the National Sporting Club in London, and the late Charley Harvey, who brought over so many fine scrappers from the Tigh Little Isle, imported Owen.

There was no legalized boxing around New York in 1905, whe Harvey brought Moran over. Tom O'Rourke decided to stage 20-round battle between Owen and Monte Attell, Abe's brothe who was about a year younger than the champion.

This fight was held in the shadow of the Palisades, on May 1 1905. Some 200 New York citizens, including leaders in ever walk of life, paid $20 each to see the contest. It went the limit o 20 rounds, and Referee Kid McPartland gave the decision to th Briton.

Remember this fight, please, because it enters into the situatio on January 1, 1908. It enters because Abe had no love for the ma who had given his brother a beating.

After Moran had shown his fistic wares here, Harvey coul offer nothing lucrative at the time, and Owen returned to Englan where he stopped Jim Kendrick in seven heats, won from Darke Haley in six and knocked out Al Fellows in three.

The year 1906 saw Moran engage in only one contest. He bea Cockney Cohen in four rounds.

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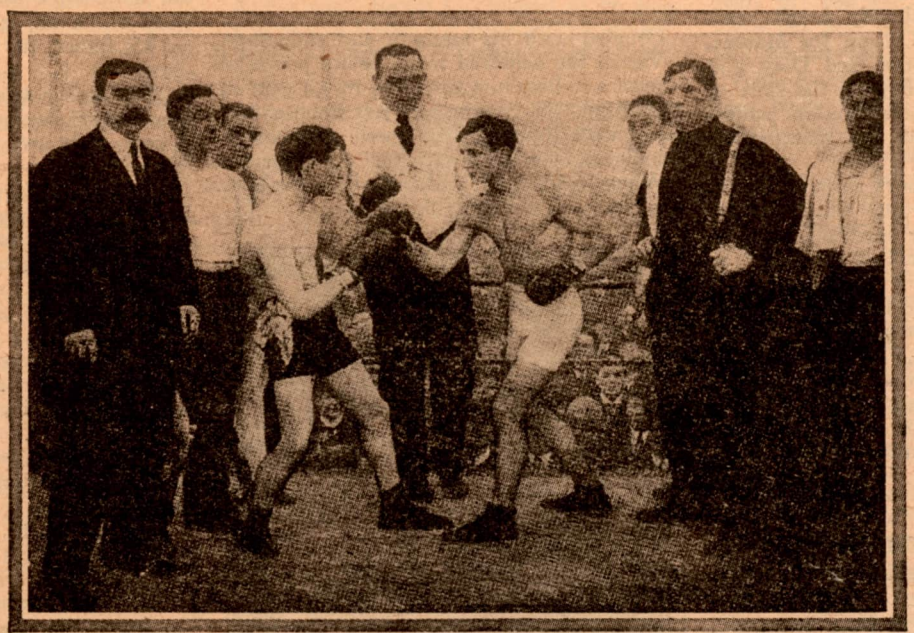
HOWEVER, things picked up for Moran in 1907. He won 20-round fight with Al Delmont, American featherweight, i London. He stopped Chris Clarke and Young Pierce, and the came the summons from Harvey to return to the United State This time Charley had work for the Birmingham belter.

On October 1 1907, in a six-rou no-decision scrap Philadelphia, Mora outpointed Tomm O'Toole.

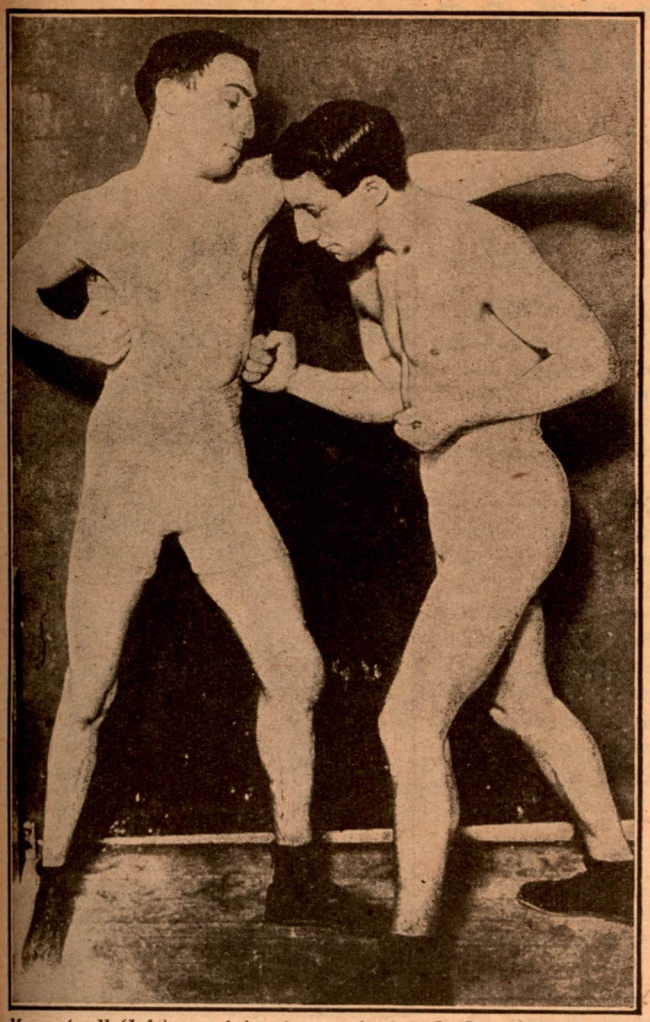
The Englishma made a fine showin and Harvey got telegram from S Francisco offerin Owen a 25-rou fight with Frank Neil, outstandi featherweight.

California expect Neil to stop Mora But Owen hung th haymaker on t American in the si teenth round.

California then g sore. What did th "limey" think he w doing? Who did h think he was? Th would fix him!



Owen Moran (left) and Abe Attell sparring before going into action in their famous bout on the Pacific Coast. Charley Harvey, Moran's manager, is on extreme left and Jim Jeffries, the referee, is seen between the fighters.



Monte Attell (left), receiving instructions in body punching from brother Abe, when both were in their prime.

To clever Abe Attell, native of San Francisco, went the job of giving California a full measure of revenge for the Neil knockout. But, as we know, Abe didn't do anything of the kind.

And while we are at it, Attell never did land an official decision over Moran. They went 23 rounds to a draw at Colma, Calif., on September 7, 1908; 10 rounds without decision in New York on April 1, 1910; 10 rounds without decision in Los Angeles on June 24, 1910, and six rounds without decision in Philadelphia on November 9, 1910.

Abe Attell very eagerly accepted the chance to avenge Monte's defeat by Moran, and they signed to fight 25 rounds at 120 pounds, with a $1500 forfeit for weight and appearance, with Jim Jeffries the referee.

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THE articles of agreement stipulated that the fighters were to get on the scales at 11 o'clock in the morning, some 11 hours before the battle.

Came the time for weighing in, and Attell got on the scales. "One hundred and nineteen pounds," shouted the official weigher.

Moran then stepped up and tipped the beam at 122½. "There will be no fight unless you meet the terms of our agreement," Abe insisted.

"I want my $1500," Attell shouted. He meant business, and Harvey was chagrined.

Charley got Attell's consent to let Moran weigh in a second time, after he had run around Golden Gate Park, and had had a rubdown.

Owen returned pretty tired, and this time it was 121 pounds 7 ounces.

"I want my $1500," Attell repeated, and Charley induced Abe to let Moran take another run.

The wily Attell knew that the more Owen ran, the weaker he would be on entering the ring. And he also knew that he was within his rights. A contract was a contract. Claiming a forfeit for failure to make weight was no rarity.

Moran took that second run around the park, and on the scales he stepped for a third time.

"One hundred and twenty pounds, one and one-quarter ounces," shouted the weigher. Harvey smiled. "Well, Abe, he has made it!"

"He has made nothing," Attell insisted. "The articles say 120 pounds, and 120 pounds it will be, or I get my $1500. And if I don't collect, there will be no fight."

Harvey appealed to Jeffries, who, after a long talk with Attell, induced the local fighter to accept $250 and go on with the fight.

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MANY years later Attell and Harvey met in the offices of Matchmaker Tom McArdle in the Garden. Another English fighter, Len Harvey, just had been imported by Charley.

"Well, Charley, if this Harvey puts up as stiff a battle as Owen Moran did against me in 1908, Len will make plenty of dough here," said Abe.

"Yes, Moran was at his best that day," Charley agreed. "That was the greatest 25-round draw of my experience. You got the $250, Abe, but you will admit that Moran made you pay for taking it away from him."

"That's right, Charley," Attell laughed. "But you will admit that nobody ever has accused me of being a poor businessman."

Yes, Moran made Attell pay for that $250 forfeit in San Francisco on New Year's Day, 37 years ago.

The fight was staged by Jim Coffroth in his famous Mission Street Arena at 3 in the afternoon.

Coffroth also promoted the second contest between Abe and Owen, in that same locale.

Students of boxing, in going over the records, are mystified by the fact that their second contest, also a draw, went 23 rounds. They wonder if that 23 is a typographical error, or whether some untoward incident forced a halt in a battle scheduled for 25 heats.

However, it was a 23-rounder, because of a publicity stunt. The current expression at that time was "23, Skidoo," and Jim arranged it as a "23, Skidoo" fight.

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IN that January 1, 1908, encounter, Attell had pretty much his own way in the first 10 rounds. Moran was weak because of his having had to take off weight, and then making those two extra trips around Golden Gate Park.

However, after the 10th, things began to change. Moran was incensed at Attell for having taken the two-fifty. Harvey wasn't exactly overjoyed, either, and he kept arousing the Briton's ire.

That wasn't all Charley did. Every time Moran returned to his corner for the minute's recess, Harvey fed him chicken broth. Gradually Moran's strength came back.

Moran kept poking a straight left at the Attell jaw and face and the American didn't enjoy the sensation one bit. Attell was the better man in close. And Abe wasn't too particular how he operated. Rules weren't always rules with him. In fact, at one stage of the fight ringside fans—right in Abe's own bailiwick, too—shouted that Abe was biting the Briton.

On they went, round after round, with the fight picking up tempo instead of slackening. The 19th found them trying hard for the haymaker. Moran had the better of this session and shortly before the bell, Abe went to his knees. Owen had landed a hard left to the jaw.

Attell came back strong in the 20th. In the last round it was hammer and tongs, toe to toe, the most exciting three minutes of the fight.

Rights and lefts, lefts and rights, neither giving an inch, and when the final bell rang, neither fighter paid any attention to it. By now a great grudge had developed. Jeffries had to pry them apart. It was one of the most amazing draw battles between little men in the entire history of the roped arena.

Attell never got chummy with Moran. As the years rolled on, Abe appeared to become more bitter against the Briton.

A year after the 25-rounder—on March 17, 1909, to be precise—Attell hopped into the ring at the *(Continued on page 42)*

Making Strides

By HARVEY THORNE

Archie Wilmer, Delaware featherweight with an excellent record. He is making rapid progress.

ARCHIE WILMER, young Negro from Wilmington, Delaware, is one of the outstanding featherweights along the Atlantic border. Wilmer has tackled the best boys at his weight and some in the lightweight division and in each contest, has given a good account of himself. It was he who forced Bill Speary into retirement last May. Eddie Giosa who had lost only one bout in thirty-three prior to clashing with Wilmer, dropped the match to Archie.

Wilmer has only two defeats chalked up against him at this writing, one suffered at the hands of Bobby Smith last March in four rounds and the other, a ten-round defeat by Lulu Costantino in Philadelphia on November 6.

Wilmer has defeated George Cooper, Mario Colon, Victor Jade, Joey Longo, Bo Bascomb, Johnny Cockfield and Al Guido among others.

MIKE ACEVEDO

CUBAN sports writers take exception to the claim of Charley Cabey Lewis and his manager, Sammy Aronson, that Lewis is the Cuban featherweight champion. The Cuban Boxing Commission, and the leading Cuban promoter, Luis Godoy, have sent messages to THE RING protesting the insertion of such a claim by Aronson in the managers' directory advertisement.

"The champion of Cuba is Mike Acevedo, a clever, hard-hitting featherweight from Havana, and until such time as Lewis beats Acevedo, Mike will be acclaimed in the Pearl of the Antilles as the featherweight king," writes Luis Guiterriez, Boxing Commissioner of Havana and former manager of Kid Chocolate. "Pincho," as the commissioner was known in this country, has had Godoy cable Lewis offering him a bout with Acevedo in Havana with the crown at stake.

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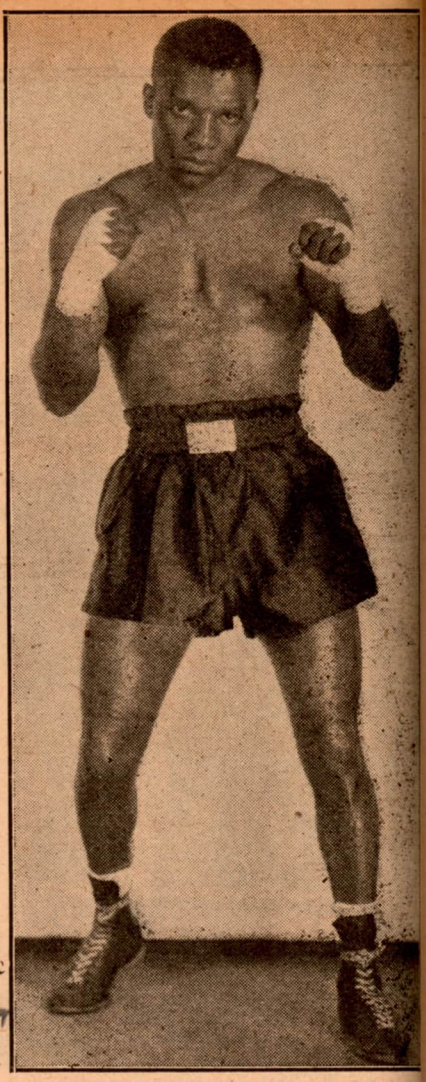
CHARLEY RILEY

ST. LOUIS boxing fans believe they have another Henry Armstrong, former triple champion, in Charley Riley, the colorful, dashing two-fisted fighter who has been furnishing Mound City glove followers with a lot of thrills. Charley, who is managed by Jackie Callahan, former fighter, trainer, manager, matchmaker and promoter, was born on April 2 1922. He weighs 126 pounds. However, he has been forced to spot foes a lot of weigh to land some of his matches.



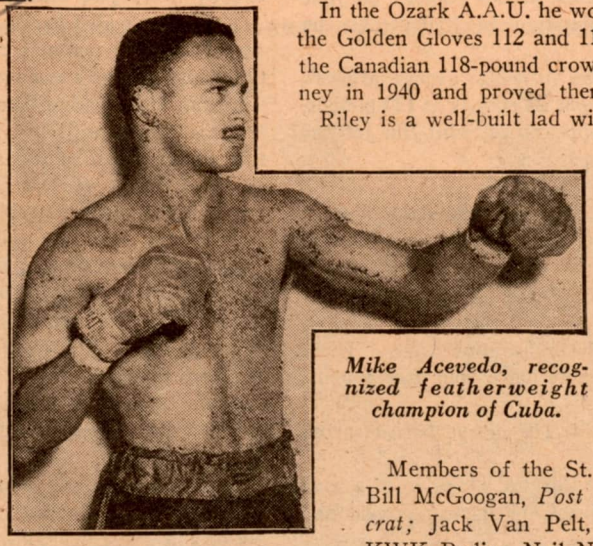
Charley Riley, two-fisted, colorful feathe weight from St. Louis.

He started boxing in 1938 and won a flock of titles as an amateur and has wo twenty-eight pro fights, twenty-four by knockouts. He just finished a run of fourte consecutive kayo triumphs in all parts of the country.

In the Ozark A.A.U. he won six championships and also copp the Golden Gloves 112 and 118 pound honors. He went on to ba the Canadian 118-pound crown in the Niagara Falls A.A.U. tou ney in 1940 and proved then that he would make the grade.

Riley is a well-built lad with powerful arms, sturdy legs, bro shoulders and a husky chest. H knows how to throw a terrif blow with either hand, and wha the fans like he is able to giv and take.

Just like Henry Armstrong, wh came out of St. Louis, Charle can give and take, and the fa that he can absorb and administe punishment is one of the reason the Sports Writers and Radio An nouncers are so fond of him.



Mike Acevedo, recognized featherweight champion of Cuba.

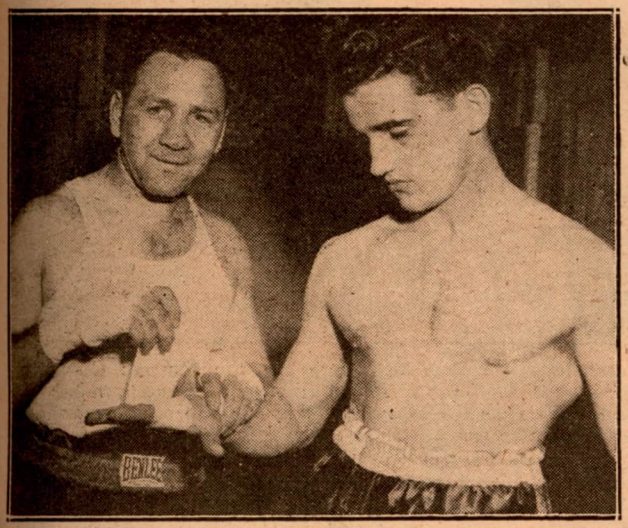
Members of the St. Louis Boxing Writers Associatio Bill McGoogan, *Post Dispatch;* Ray Smith, *Globe Dem crat;* Jack Van Pelt, *Sports Pointers;* Johnnie O'Han KWK Radio; Neil Norman, WIL; Bob Terry, WTM and Earl Brady, *The Journal,* sing the praises of the latest fis sensation.

They all agree it won't be long until Riley will be packing th St. Louis arena.

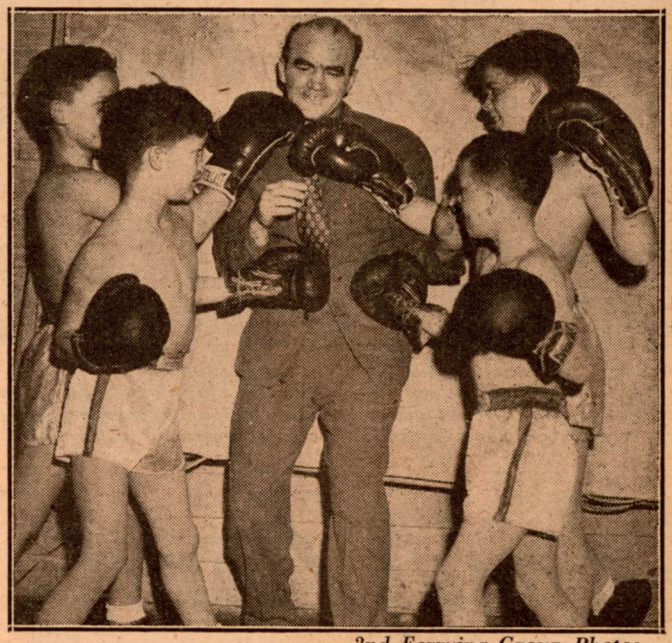
As of December 15th, Riley had scored 31 victories of whi 27 were won by the kayo route. Watch this lad.

AIR FORCE ENTERTAINED

Men of the Ferrying Command Get a Kick Out of Appearance of Famous Boxers and Scribes at Delaware Camp



A couple of Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers, Gus Lesnevich and Ralph Burnhart, doffed their uniforms for some pre-war fighting togs to give 2nd Ferrying Group flyers and mechanics an exhibition bout in fisticuffs. Here the light-heavyweight champ is shown wrapping Burnhart's hand before the bout.



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Al Ridgway, former 135-pound boxer from Hoboken, N. J., where he operates his own gymnasium, has lots of leather to duck here as he squares off with three of his own kids and one of the neighbor lads in a clever ring act which was a part of the all-star boxing show. The kids, between the ages of nine and 13, quickly demonstrated that they are future pugilistic prospects.

RING STARS of the present, past and future banded together recently at the 2nd Ferrying Group Air Base in Delaware to put on one of the best fistic exhibitions these air force boys have seen. Chief Petty Officer Gus Lesnevich of the Coast Guard, a little hefty from consuming G.I. food, but still close to fighting trim, put on an exhibition of four rounds with Chief Petty Officer Ralph Burnhart. The light-heavyweight champ's appearance brought a storm of applause from the flyers, mechanics and WACs who fly and maintain the C-54 planes which carry cargo daily to India and Paris. This ferrying base is a part of the Ferrying Division of the Air Transport Command.

Sharing the spotlight with Gus was husky Joe Baksi, the Kulpmont, Pa., heavyweight contender, and the sensational newcomer to the lightweight ranks, Billy Arnold. Joe was unable to show his wares in the ring because of a recent cut over the eye but he filled in ably as referee of the Lesnevich-Burnhart match.

Billy Arnold, the 18-year-old high school sensation from Philadelphia, showed how and why he had compiled an enviable ring record at such an early age as he paired off with Billy Miller of New York and his brother, Judson Arnold, an amateur scrapper, in a pair of bouts.

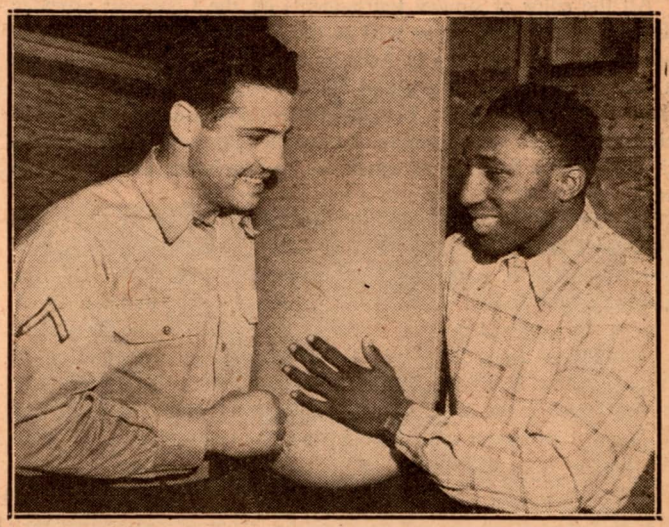
Jimmy Doyle, sensational welterweight from Los Angeles, and Julio Gallucci, Hartford, Conn., put on a four-round crowd-pleaser in which they were still throwing punches as they wended their ways to the locker rooms.

Sgt. Nate Rubin, air base fight manager, promoted the show.

Youth also had its fling as Al Ridgway, the former puncher who operates his own gym in Hoboken, N. J., brought in four boys between the ages of nine and thirteen for a pair of fast, clever bouts. Three of the boys are Ridgway's.

In addition to the exhibitions, there were five amateur bouts among air base leather-throwers and boxers from nearby Wilmington, Del., gymnasiums.

All in all, the fight game did itself a lot of good by the unselfish willingness of its "name" fighters to give their time to perform for the boys in khaki. While many of the best professionals are in the service and cannot compete for commercial gain, they often perform for their comrades in special exhibitions.



Billy Arnold, right, 18-year-old Philadelphia high school boy who already has battled his way to a contender's spot for the world welterweight boxing championship, and Pfc. Tony Falco, 2nd Ferrying Group airplane mechanic, peer at one another around a punching bag. Falco, a professional puncher from Connecticut before he traded his gloves for a uniform, and Arnold exhibited their fistic wares at the air base boxing show.

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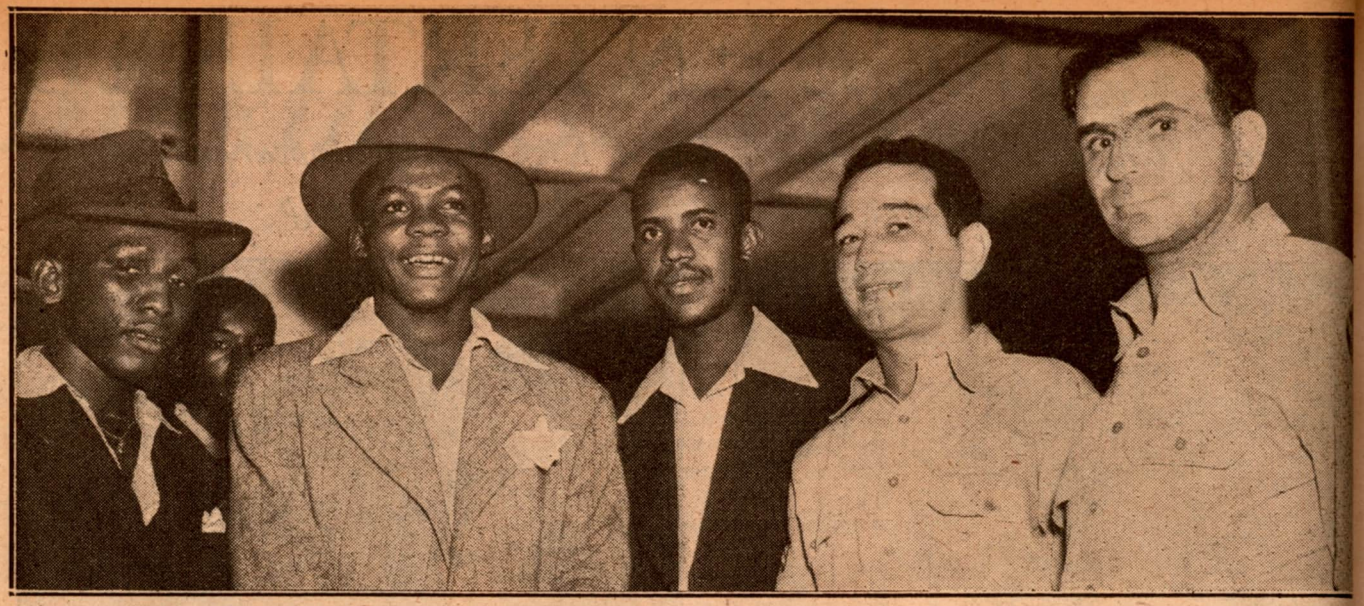

Panama professionals posing with two nationally known pro boxers who are now instructors in the Panama Canal Zo (Left to right) Kid Zefine, Panama bantam king; Young Finnegan, lightweight champion of Panama; Englin Finnegan, trainer of h brother; Sixto Escobar, former bantam champion of the world, who handles the Puerto Rican contingent of the army boxers and C Sammy Rubin, another excellent boxing instructor who at one time was a fine pro fighter in the Metropolitan area of New Yo

Canal Zone Champs Crowne

BOXING champions of the Panama Canal Department were decided in 10 weight divisions on the final card of the 1944 tourney that lasted two months, declared by Isthmian followers of the sport to be the most successful in the 28-year history of pugilistic competition among men of the Armed Forces stationed in the Canal Zone.

All the color of similar tournaments on the Continent attended the championship finals as well as the 23 preliminary cards which advanced the contenders to Atlantic and Pacific Sector titles from a field of 280 Army, Navy and Marine boxers. A crowd of more than 6,000 enthusiastic boxing fans—servicemen, Canal Zone civilian workers and residents of Panama—jammed the infield section of Balboa Stadium to watch the 10 title bouts, three of which ended in T.K.O.'s and one in a medical decision.

Lt. Gen. George H. Brett, Commanding General of Caribbean Defense Command and of Panama Canal Department; Rear Admiral Howard F. Kingman, Commandant of 15th Naval District, and Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Mehaffey, Governor of the Panama Canal, headed the group of ranking Army, Navy and civil officials present at the finals. In a brief address preceding the presentation of trophies, Gen. Brett thanked all associated with the tourney for having made it the most successful in history and praised boxing as "a most strenuous sport through which are developed the qualifications of a good soldier."

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BOXERS from the Coast Artillery organization commanded by Col. William E. Sweet, Los Angeles, Calif., an ardent advocate of all competitive sports among his troops, won the Department Commander's team championship trophy for the third consecutive year by taking three of the 10 titles. The team also won the Pacific Sector trophy a week before by winning four sectional championships and amassing a total of 1125 points during the tournament, 145 more than the Sector's second-place team.

Three of the Department titles went to boxers from Puerto Rico, two of them to cousins Rafael and Santiago Nieves, who won the middleweight and featherweight crowns, respectively. Rafael's winning of a title recalled the championships of 1917 when his father, Andres, won the Department lightweight title as a member of the 42nd Infantry.

The light-heavyweight title was won by a Navy man, S/1c Walter Doughty, 1943 middleweight champion at Sampson (N. Y.) Naval Training Station, while another Navy man, SF/3c William (Tiny) Taylor, 1943 Department heavy champion, retained h title for another year.

The championship finals results follow:—

Flyweight (110-115½). Pvt. Michael Gavalos, New Kensington, Pa., feated Tec 5 Luis Munoz-Orza, Ponce, P. R., by TKO in 1:30 of the round.

Bantamweight (116-118½). Pvt. Frank Dorsaneo, Ardmore, Pa., won decision over Pfc. Eduardo Lopez, Caguas, P. R., in five rounds.

Junior Lightweight (127-130½). Pvt. Tony Hernandez, Chicago, Ill., the decision over Pfc. Rogelio Biaggi, Santurce, P. R., in five rounds.

Lightweight (131-135½). Pvt. Gustavo Villarini, Santurce, P. R., the decision over Cpl. Anthony Tornatore, New York City, in five rou

Heavyweight (175-300). SF/3c William Taylor, Lexington, N. C., the decision over Cpl. Elwood C. Lorman, North Hollywood, Calif., in rounds.

Junior Welterweight (136-140½). Cpl. Robert Root, Cleveland, O., the decision over Tec 5 George Flores, San Antonio, Tex., in six rou (one extra).

Middleweight (148-160½). Tec 5 Rafael Nieves, Comerio, P. R., feated BM/1c Anders Anderson, Scotia, N. Y., by TKO in :43 of third round.

Light-Heavyweight (161-174½). S/1c Walter Doughty, Martins Fe O., won the decision over Pfc. John Bell, USMC, in six rounds (one extr

Welterweight (141-147½). S/Sgt. Wilfred (Michey) Savage, St. C Shores, Mich., won by medical decision over Pvt. Charles Eschman, C cinnati, O., in two rounds.

Featherweight (119-126½). Cpl. Santiago Nieves, Bayamon, P. R., by TKO over Pvt. Misael Ross Sanchez, Santurce, P. R., in :50 of third round.

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EACH of the champions was presented with a 21-jeweled graved gold wrist watch and a gold trophy by Maj. Gen. Ralph Meyer, deputy Panama Canal Department Commander. T runners-up received silver trophies.

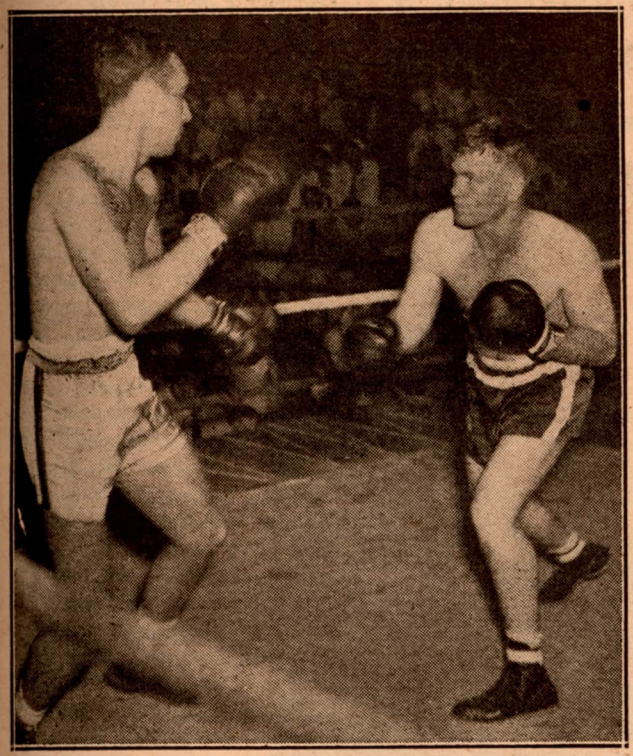
Ross-Sanchez won the Pacific Sector outstanding boxer tro for his performance in the five bouts which advanced him to Department finals. Pfc. Lee Leftridge, Marine welterweight fr Baltimore, Md., who lost a close decision to Charles Eschman the Pacific Sector finals, was awarded a trophy as the most popu boxer.

The Atlantic Sector trophy for outstanding boxer was award to S/1c Peter Ekonomos, Hammond, Ind., winner of the sec title and highly-favored to win the Department crown. Howe he was kept out of the Department finals by illness. Danny (Gold Boy) Sabia, Port Chester, N. Y., Atlantic Sector middlewei runner-up, received the trophy as the most popular boxer in sector.

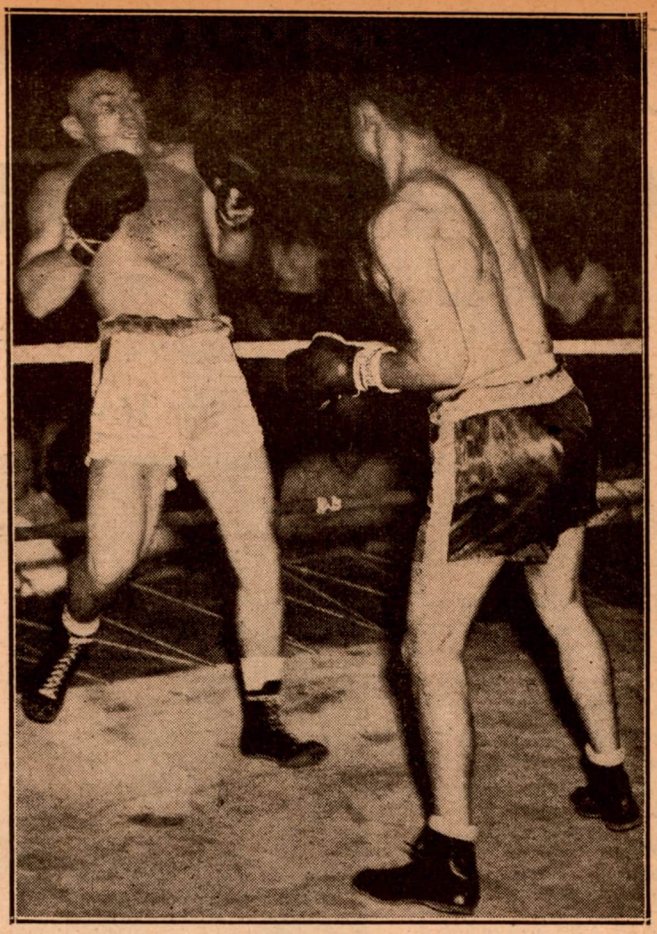
The Atlantic Sector championship was won by the team fr Col. Elbert C. Monro's Infantry of the Panama Mobile Force Security Command, which annexed two sector titles and a t of 895 points during the two months of the tournament.

Percentage trophies, based on *(Continued on page*

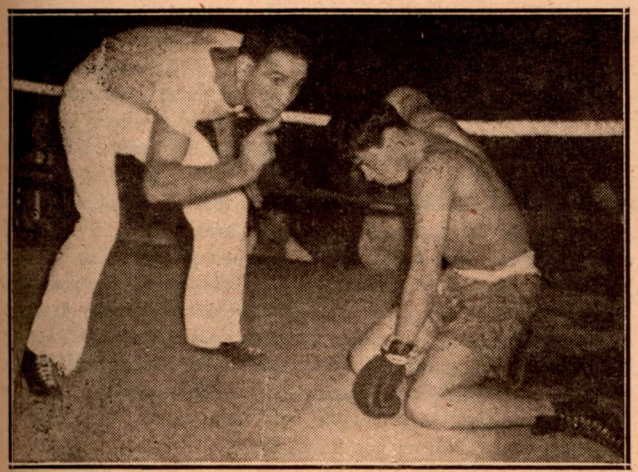
ACTION SHOTS *in* PANAMA BOUTS



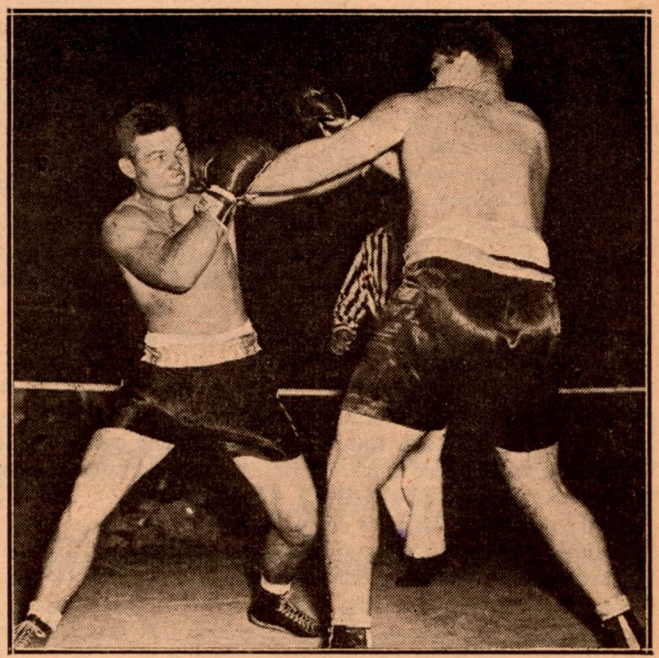
S/1c Walter Doughty (right), Martins Ferry, O., light-heavyweight champion of the Panama Canal Department, watches his chance to land a good punch on Sgt. Harold Gunn, Salt Lake City, during their bout for the Atlantic Sector title. Doughty, who was 1943 middleweight champ at Sampson (N. Y.) Naval Training Station, won two decisions over Gunn in his progress to the Department title over a two-month period.



Cpl. George Flores, tough junior welterweight from San Antonio, Tex., backs away from Pvt. Miguel Salgado, Santurce, P. R., during the bout in which Flores won the Atlantic Sector championship in the Panama Canal Department boxing tournament. He won a five-round decision in the title bout, but scored a one-round TKO over Salgado in a preliminary tourney bout five weeks earlier.



S/1c Sam Secreet, one-time world's middleweight contender, takes up the count for Victor Fontanez, Aguas Buenas, P. R., one of the three middleweights trained by Cpl. Sixto Escobar, retired world's bantam king, during a bout in the Panama Canal Department boxing tournament. Fontanez, a game beginner with a fighting heart and a murderous left, came up after taking a nine-count in this semi-finals bout to slug it out toe-to-toe with Cpl. Clyde Barbée, Raleigh, N. C., and fell just short of getting the decision. Escobar can be seen watching intently for any ill-effect on his fallen leather-pusher.



SF/3c William (Tiny) Taylor, Lexington, N. C., Panama Canal Department heavyweight champion, uses his long pushing left to keep Pvt. George Barbour, Omaha, Neb., from landing a left to the jaw in their bout for the Pacific Sector title. Taylor, at 274, outweighed Barbour by 90 pounds.

MANY BIG MATCHES *are* ON PROMOTERS' BOOKS

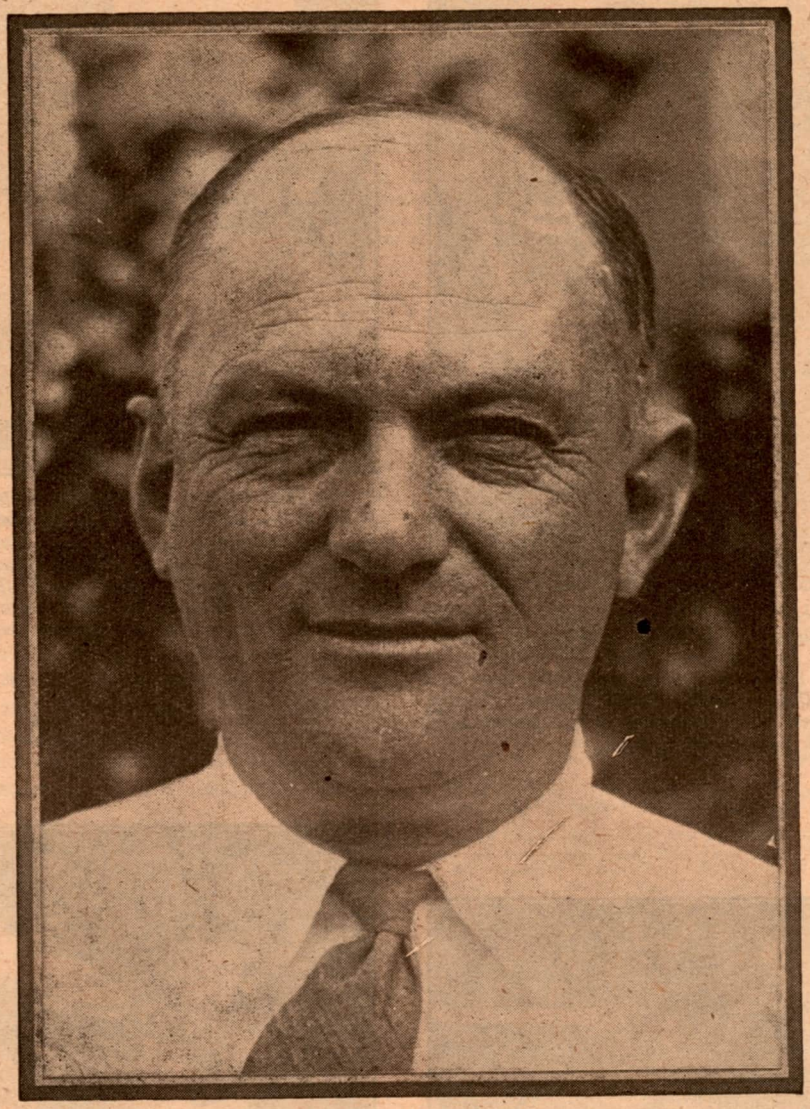
Jack-Montgomery, Pep-Bartolo, Bivins-Baksi, Williams-LaMotta Among Standout Fights Projected for 1945

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

EVERYTHING in world boxing is pointed toward a second battle between Joe Louis and Billy Conn for the heavyweight championship of the world. At the moment, both Joe and Billy are in the Army, and there is utterly no chance that, while the war is on, they will be permitted to meet.

From time to time, wish is father to the thought, stories about a Louis-Conn contest in New York will appear in the public prints. But that is one we will have to file away for the return of peace. The fight that will set the tempo for the greatest boxing boom in the history of the sport.

There is many another fine bout waiting for the defeat of the Nazis and the Japs—fights involving the now frozen world titles of Gus Lesnevich, light-heavy; Tony Zale, middleweight; Freddie Cochrane, welter; Beau Jack and Bob Montgomery, standout claimants to the lightweight laurels; and Jackie Paterson, of Scotland, the flyweight leader. All are in service.



Mike Jacobs, New York promoter, who in 1944 led the country in gross receipts and who is making up an impressive card for 1945.

Just how severely boxing in the United States would be affected if President Roosevelt's demand that the four million 4-F's be placed either in service or war work were acceded to, it is difficult to say. Of course, the sport would be hit hard. But it is a very durable enterprise. It takes it on the chin and it takes it in the body, and keeps coming up for every bell.

In the meantime, boxing is doing the best it can against handicaps in manpower, in class of competitors. The public is more tolerant than ever, and if a Billy Arnold turns out to be a 50 cent fighter in a five dollar setting, what of it? There is no squawk. The game is not trying to sell the impression that it is pre-war, and the fans are willing to take it for what it is.

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WHILE boxing waits for the return of normal conditions, it is busy planning to get the most out of, and do the best with, the material at hand.

There are some surprisingly fine matches available, and on these Mike Jacobs and his assistant Nat Rogers, as well as other promoters from Boston to Hollywood, are busy.

Some of these projected bouts involve Jimmy Bivins, the Cleveland Negro who rates No. 1 among the available heavyweights.

A Bivins battle with Lee Q. Murray, of Norwalk, Conn., would be a Garden attraction. Even more interesting from a New York standpoint would be a Bivins-Jo Baksi fight. And not so unalluring would be a third meeting of Bivins and Melio Bettina. They have split two fights and a deciding fracas would pack New York's Garden.

Lee Oma, of Detroit, has built himself into a big card around the country and it would be interesting to see him again Baksi. There also is talk of a third Oma-Maurie fight. In their second engagement Oma was so decisive a winner that some of the critics believe another meeting uncalled for. However, Maurie was not in the best of shape then. He has been correcting this condition and might give Oma a far tougher fight than generally expected.

Of course, the fight everybody wants to see is another meeting between Beau Jack and Bob Montgomery, for the lightweight title. The winner would have to take on Juan Zurita, of Mexico, the N.B.A. champion, to settle the dual title fiasco.

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IN the state of New York, Montgomery is called the champion. In states which respect the ratings of the N.B.A., Zurita is the title holder. As a consequence, there is a muddle which leaves the general public regarding nobody as the leader, and rooting for a clearing up of the atmosphere.

The writer is inclined to rank them thus: 1, Jack; 2, Montgomery; 3, Zurita. However, paper ratings no longer mean very much in this situation. The matter will have to be settled with punches.

With Jack and Montgomery both in the Army at this writing, there is no immediate chance that they will meet. But this thing may develop.

Bobby Ruffin, the No. 4 lightweight, has built himself into quite a draw and would go well with Johnny Greco, the Canadian welter.

Another bout projected for Ruffin would pit him against Ike Williams, Trenton lightweight.

New York, in particular, would be strong for a fight between Greco and Tippy Larkin, standout welters.

Light heavyweight competition presents no alluring prospects. Lloyd Marshall, of Sacramento, the best available fighter in the old cruiser class, stands out so dominantly that it is difficult to set up interesting bouts for him.

In some places, a fight between Marshall and Fitzie Fitzpatrick, of Cleveland, could be a draw. Fitzpatrick showed in New York as a preliminary and while he made an interesting showing, it might be tough selling him to the Big City as a finalist, with Marshall.

Walter Woods would make a match with Marshall, for some arena outside of New York.

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THE middleweight class, like the cruisers, is not too prolific of suggestions in the current setup. Take the top nine in THE RING's ranking for 1944, eliminate No. 6, Vince Hawkins, of England, and No. 9, Marcel Cerdan, of France, shake well, and take whatever comes out of the hat.

The ratings are: 1, Holman Williams; 2, Jake LaMotta; 3, Charley Burley; 4, Jose Basora; 5, Joe Carter; 7, Jack Chase; 8, Coley Welch.

The one match in that group which would pack them in anywhere is Williams vs. LaMotta. This would be an especially tremendous attraction in Detroit, since Williams hails from the Automobile City, and LaMotta is rated a greater fighter there than he is in his native New York.

In the welter section, the veteran Fritzie Zivic, who has achieved an interesting comeback, once again is a factor. Zivic should be matched with the winner of the Greco-Larkin fight. Another suggested match would throw Jimmy McDaniels, of Los Angeles, against Greco.

The welters, on paper, look like the most interesting class of the entire wartime boxing category. Just analyze this rating for 1944 in THE RING:

1, Ray Robinson; 2, Henry Armstrong; 3, Johnny Greco; 4, Tippy Larkin; 5, Tommy Bell; 6, Fritzie Zivic; 7, Art Danahar, Great Britain; 8, Ernie Roderick, Great Britain; 9, Jimmy McDaniels.

Danahar and Roderick are out of the competitive picture in so far as this country is concerned. But the others could develop a fine round robin.

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THERE are, of course, a few ifs and buts. Robinson is not likely to find asylum in a New York ring for some time to come. And in some places it is difficult to sell Mr. Armstrong all over again at this vast distance from the zenith of his career.

There is a corking match in the featherweight division, now once again graced by the presence of a recognized champion, Willie Pep, of Hartford, Conn.

Pep is a champion in some places and the No. 2 man in others. The N.B.A. says Sal Bartolo, of Boston, and the Merchant Marine, is the champion, and the N.B.A. is wrong, as it so often can be.

However, there is a division here just as there is in the lightweight class, and it could very easily be cleared up if Pep and Bartolo got together. This fight would be an ace attraction anywhere on the fistic map, with stress on Boston and New York.

Bantam competition has not interested New York since the war began. In fact, Mike Jacobs has taken a leaf out of the book of Tex Rickard, who never could see the little fellows, and put on a small-calibre fight only if he could find no bigger men to battle.

However, there are locales where the banties go big. Los Angeles, for example. New York doubtless would thrill to the prowess of Manuel Ortiz, the champion, if he would appear there against Tony Olivera. But that looks like Pacific Coast material.

There is absolutely no interest or action in flyweight boxing in the United States. The world ranking shows no fighter from the American mainland among the first ten. Dado Marino and Little Dado, from Hawaii, break into the monotonous succession of boxers from the British Empire.

Herman (Muggsy) Taylor, Philadelphia ring impresario, who was second in the 1944 financial ranking in this country.

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TO summarize it all, the writer would say that a Beau Jack-Montgomery fight is the standout attraction held out for fight fans in 1945.

Of course, these men still are in service, and it may be that, with the war rougher and tougher in Germany, there will be a complete elimination of even talk of boxing bouts for men who are standouts in the boxing profession.

There is utterly no quarrel with that on the Home Front, which is glad to get such crumbs as are thrown to it and call everything velvet.

No longer are there going to be so many medical discharges from the Army of name boxers.

By an order dated November 29, no leading professional athlete is to be discharged for medical reasons without a review of his case at the War Department. This takes the discharge out of the hands of the C.O.

This new condition is welcomed by all lovers of the ring, as it stops a lot of nonsensical, worse than loose, talk about medical discharges for top flight boxers.

The outlook is for a far more interesting boxing year than 1944—for bigger matches and perhaps something interesting enough to carry the game back into the big outdoor arenas.

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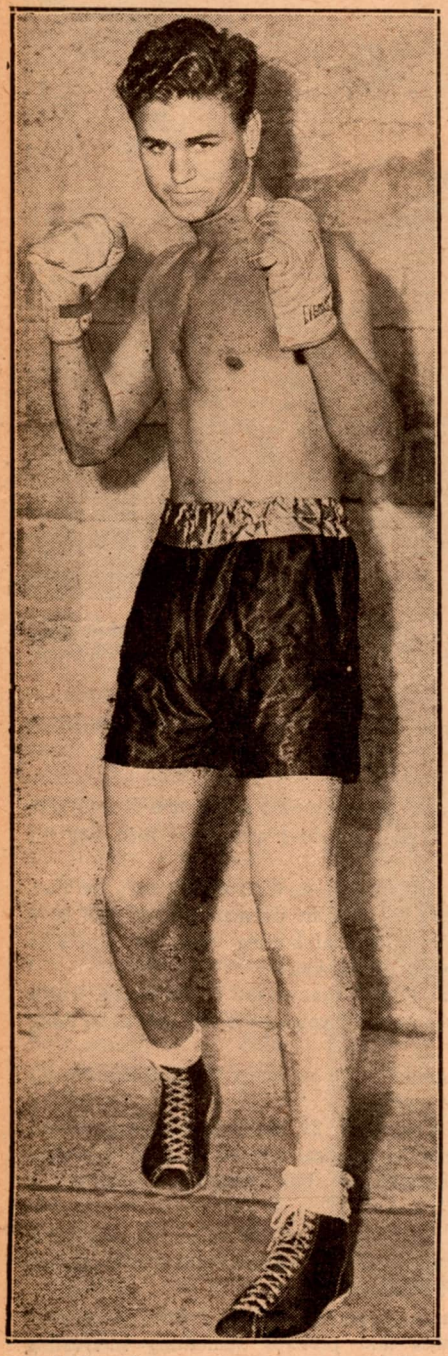
The Ring's Honor Roll

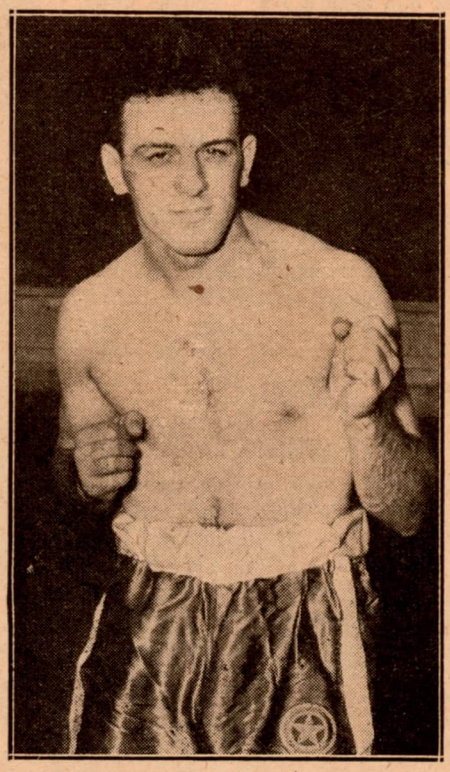
By CPL. JIMMY HEARNS



Floyd Saunders, a fast stepping featherweight who hits hard with either hand. He is a member of the Coast Guard.

BOXING is likely to suffer as much as any other sport in the recent "Man Power" order from Washington which calls for the reclassification of athletes who have either been deferred for some minor ailment or have been discharged from the armed forces and classified as medical cases, thus getting into the 4-F class. Today, close to 500 boxers, professional and amateur, have been sent back to civilian life and among them are many star pros who have become the headliners in recent shows.

Information from Washington indicates that the armed forces are now agreeable to finding places as clerks or in some other minor posts for those who have been discharged, and that such men will be recalled into active service to make way for men who may be sent into combat. Bobby Ruffin, Jimmy Bivins, Ray Robinson, Morris Reif, Danny Bartfield, Bobby Lakin, Harold Green, Clent Conway, Gus Dorazio, Maxie Shapiro, Ike Williams, Ken Overlin, Maxie Berger, Georgie Kochan and Willie Pep, among many others, will be hit by the order. Most of the above are likely to be recalled.



Sammy Rizzio, Sp (A) 3/c, Gloversville boxer who is in the Navy.

Word has been received of the death of a number of boxers in the recent drives in the South Pacific and the European war zones. Eddie Poodles, a first class private, was wounded in action and died two days later. He is the brother of Joe Poodles of Baltimore, fight manager and promoter. Eddie was an excellent amateur.

The list of boxers who have donned the uniform has reached the 4571 mark as of January 1. Judging by the drive for additional men, the list will probably grow to the 8000 mark in 1945.

The outstanding fighter killed in recent action is Tony "Kid" Tortorice who died in Italy. Tony, an amateur of exceptional ability who looked good in all of his fights, outdid himself in the battle against the Germans. As an amateur he compiled a record of 87 knockouts in 96 victories and 108 bouts. He lived at Perry, New York.

Only a few days before he was killed, he sent a complete set of new Italian stamps to Nat Fleischer, Editor of THE RING, and Nat in turn sent him several cartons of cigarettes, but the smokes came back with the notation that Tony had been killed.

Randy Simon, one of the better middleweights in the Coast Guard. He is a former Golden Gloves champion. He impressed in the recent 12th Naval District bouts.

Marine Sergeant John C. Riddle of Fullerton, Ky., lightweight, was killed at Peleliu.

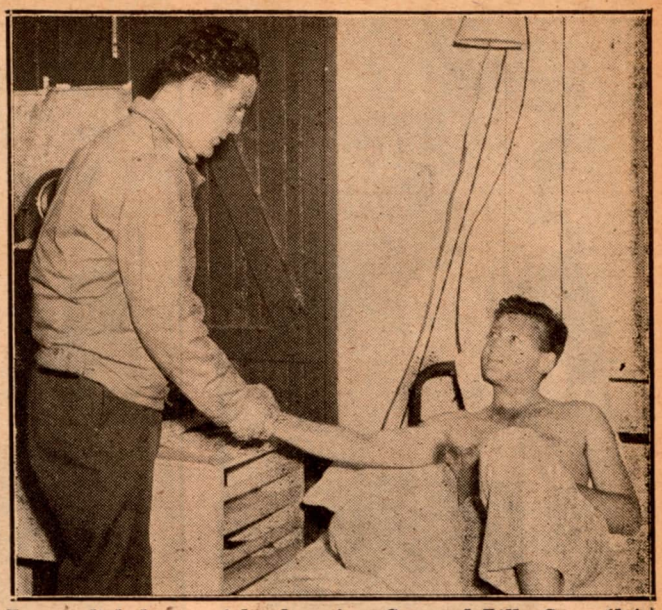
Nicky Wargo of McKees Rocks, former Junior National bantam king, was killed in France. He came from Pittsburgh.

Sgt. Harold Bakke, former Minnesota Golden Gloves champ, was killed in New Guinea.

Sgt. Oral Eubanks, Kansas City star boxer and wrestler, was killed in Germany.

MASTER SERGEANT ADAM R. WILLIAMS

The manly art of self defense is on the boom at the Greenville Army Air Base. In the above picture, left to right, standing: 1st Lt. John C. Appel, Squadron Commander; S/Sgt. Meryl Henninger, heavyweight; Cpl. Bernard Braid, middleweight; Cpl. Carl R. McBride, middleweight; Lt. Sidney Langer, Squadron Supply Officer and trainer. Kneeling, left to right: Williams, Pvt. Peter DiMauro, lightweight, and Cpl. Alexander Sheskier, welterweight. Master Sgt. Adam R. Williams, the last enlisted man to return from Gen. Doolittle's raid on Tokyo (kneeling to left), is the boxing instructor.



Former light-heavyweight champion, Corporal Billy Conn (left) gives encouragement and good luck to an injured combat gunner, Staff Sergeant Edwin Lampner, 2819 Brighton 8th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Cpl. Conn asked Lampner how he had incurred his injuries. Related the veteran gunner: "While flying at high altitude in 40 degrees below zero temperatures, the heating unit in my flying suit 'gave out', consequently my feet were severely frozen." Sgt. Lampner's Liberator Group, the oldest in the European Theater of Operations, has participated in seven campaigns.
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William Earl Bell of Burlington, North Carolina, was killed in Italy.

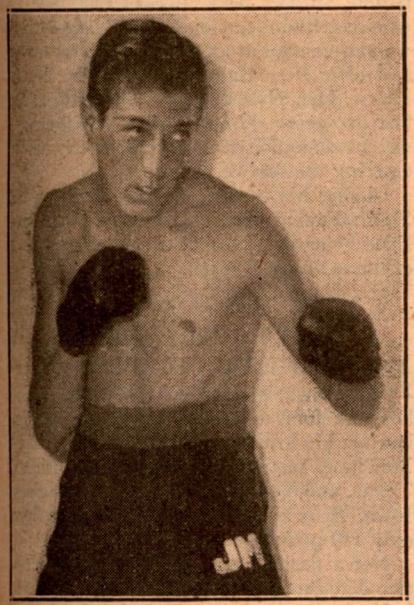
Sonny Jones, who did his pro fighting in New England, was killed with the Canadian Army in France.

Among the wounded are Lenny Boom Boom Mancini, injured in France.

Pfc. Corn Lube, Syracuse middleweight, was wounded after killing seventeen Japs.

Sgt. Nelson E. Collins, Topeka wrestler, was wounded in France and received the Purple Heart.

Pvt. Tony Ross, Jr., of Detroit, was wounded in France. He is the son of Tony Ross the old time fighter who boxed Phil McGraw and Billy Petrolle.



Pvt. Johnny Miller of Stockton, Cal., a lightweight who represents his team somewhere in India.

Bud Cottey, welter from Indiana, has been decorated with the Silver Star in France. T/Sgt. Bill Dirks of Cumberland, Maryland, was wounded in Brittany. Freddie Herman, Elizabeth featherweight, a paratrooper, was captured in France and S/Sgt. Edward Bailey, an infantryman, is missing in action.

Sketches of boxers in the armed forces follow:

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SAMMY RIZZIO, SP (A) 3/C

ONE of Baltimore's most promising lightweights, now in the U. S. Navy, is Sammy Rizzio, formerly of Gloversville, N. Y. Sammy won the New York Golden Gloves Championship in 1939 and fought his way to the finals in the National A.A.U. Championships in Los Angeles in the same year, losing a close decision to the great Chinese lightweight Georgie Toy. Rizzio, as an amateur, has boxed and defeated among others, Marty Servo, Matt Perfetti and Danny Williams.

In 1943 Sammy won the South Atlantic A.A.U. 135-pound title in the Baltimore Stadium as a member of the Glenn L. Martin Co. Boxing Team. After this tourney Rizzio was unable to secure any competition and after defeating Bobby Waters, twice Golden Gloves champion of Pennsylvania, he turned to the professional ranks.

Sammy is handled by Henry Moulden, boxing coach of the Martin Aircraft Plant.

He boxed five times under the name of Sammy Restivo before entering the Navy in January of 1944. His record is as follows:

Charlie Hoyle, K.O., 3; Eddie Davis, won, 4; Kid Lewis, won, 4; Dom Baccala, draw, 6, and Charlie Hoyle, won, 6.

Navy duties keep Sammy from competing in any bouts this year but the curly-haired youngster is keeping in good condition as a boxing instructor at the Fleet Air Wing in Key West, Florida.

After the war is over and the Germans and Japs have been crushed, Rizzio plans to return to Baltimore and continue his boxing career.

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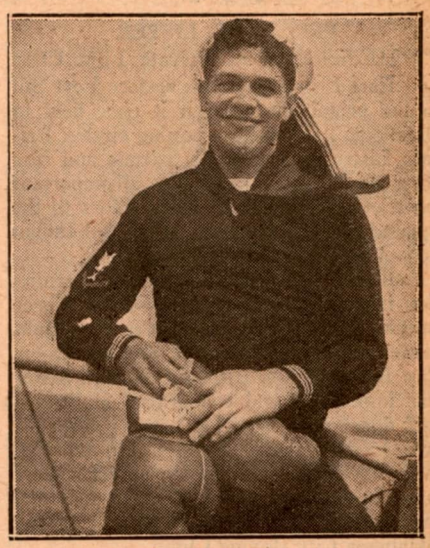
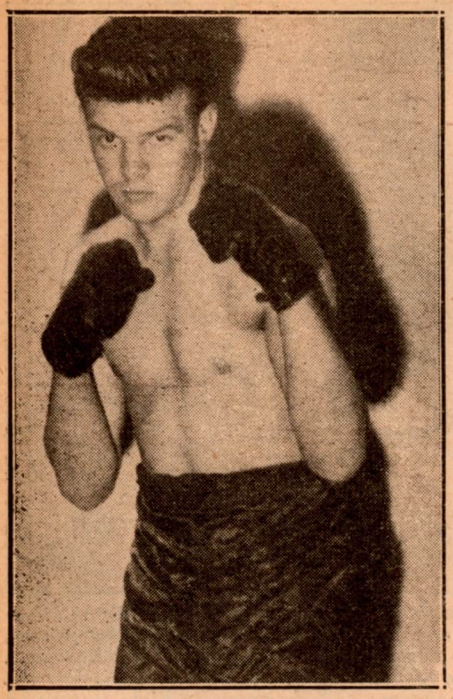
FRANK LACOMBA

COAST GUARDSMAN FRANK LACOMBA, gunner's mate second class, of New York City, displays the pair of boxing gloves he won as champ of the Coast Guard-manned Troop Transport upon which he is stationed. On the long trip to India, boxing was the main event of the day and a tournament was held in which troops and Coast Guardsmen alike participated. LaComba emerged as the winner. He was an amateur boxer and fought in the Golden Gloves Tournament in New York City before enlisting in the Coast Guard. Serving in the Pacific, the young Coast Guardsman's ship



Frank LaComba, gunner's mate, second class, member of the Coast Guard.



Harry Allbritton, in the Army at Camp Hood.

transports men and supplies to American held outposts and invasion points.

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HARRY ALLBRITTON

YOUNG HARRY ALLBRITTON, 18-year-old Vallejo, California, welterweight, is now in the Army in Camp Hood, Texas. He has a lot of ability.

As an amateur, in 26 fights, Harry lost but two decisions. He has never been on the floor and has one of the best left hooks in the game. Harry started boxing at 14.

Allbritton turned professional on July 11, 1944. He has had five pro fights winning them all. He stopped Kid Willis and Bobby Green and outpointed Benny Usso and Val Mejia, twice.

Allbritton went into the Army on August 24, 1944. At Camp Hood, Texas, he's the welterweight champion of his division. Has won 12 straight fights and he's going great guns.

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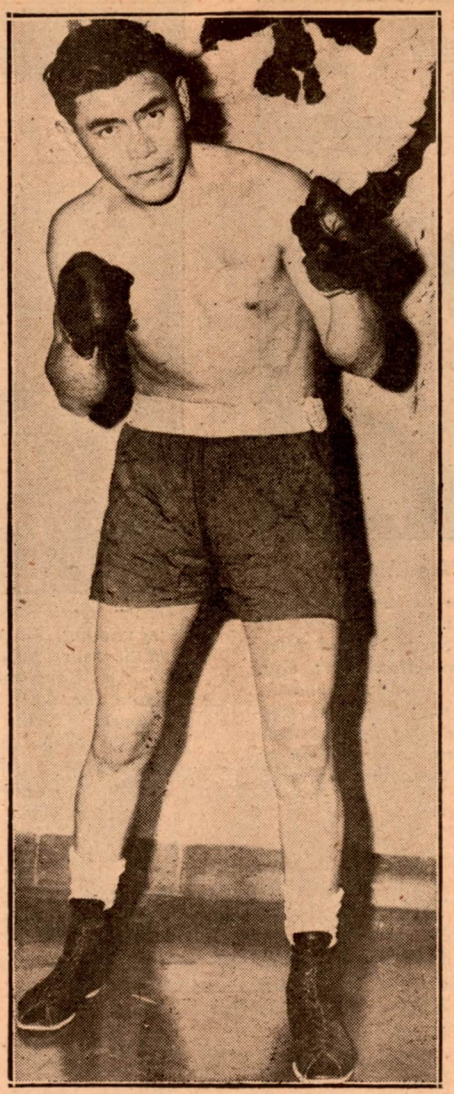
PFC. EARL LISTER

THE initiative of Private First Class Earl Lister may soon restore Fort Sill to the prominent position it once held in Oklahoma's simon-pure boxing circles. Private Lister, known to his friends and fans alike as "Chief," made the all-important move of returning Fort Sill's colors to the squared circle at the recent Fort Sill Indian School boxing show.

Acting on his own after obtaining permission from the special service officer, Lister entered the ring wars in an over-the-weight battle with Ted Acton of the Oklahoma City Boxing Club. Although he lost, Lister was impressive and encouraged at least a half dozen more aspiring battlers from his own 166th Infantry Battalion to take up their gloves and start tuning up for a team match against the combined forces from the Indian School, Cameron College and the Oklahoma City Boxing Club.

Frederick Army Air Base, which took part in the Fort Sill show, Altus Army Air



Pfc. Earl Lister, who boxes at Fort Sill.

Base and Sheppard Field all have boxing teams and—like Fort Sill—are thirsting for competition.

In the fall of 1943 Lister competed in the Army bouts in Panama. He got as far as the Pacific Side finals in the Canal Zone when he lost to Fred Yeager, a 4th Coast Artillery battler, who won the welterweight title three years running.

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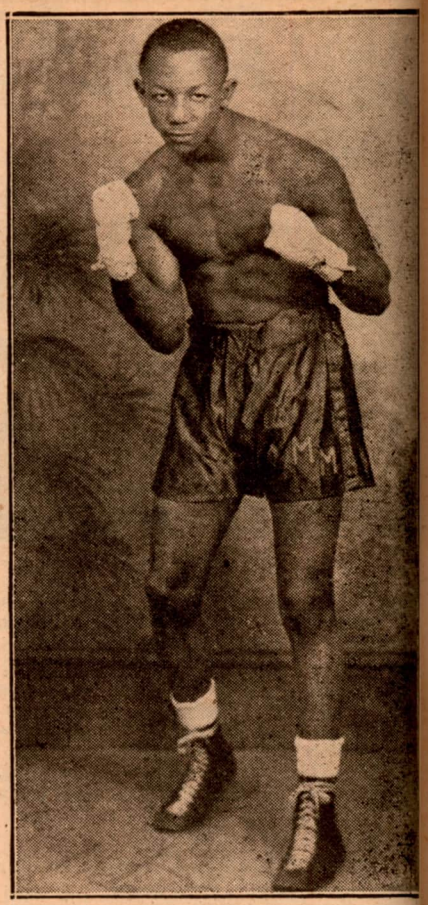
PIGGIE NETOS

A. J. WILKINSON, S/1c, of Washington, D. C., who carried a lot of punch into the ring as "Piggie Netos" is now slugging it out for Uncle Sam's Navy, at a Base in New Jersey. Netos, who was born in Washington, D. C., has been fighting for more than six years, mostly as an amateur, and boasts of a record of 21 wins in 25 starts in the simon pure ranks, one bout of which resulted in his winning the Washington District A.A.U. featherweight title.

Since enlisting in the Navy 16 months ago, Netos has had five bouts, three of which resulted in wins by knockouts, the other two, he won by the decision route. One of Netos' proud boasts is that he fought a draw with Aaron Perry. After winning the district championship, Netos dropped a close one in the Boston championships. He is well rated by the Navy fistic experts who regard him as a bright prospect.



Piggie Netos, now slugging it out for Uncl Sam's Navy.

CPL. RUSS HACKER, U. S. Army, o Iowa City, Iowa, has been named junio heavyweight wrestling champion of th South Pacific, following the defeat of Jac Plemmons, Oakland, Calif., sailor, at a Re placement depot in New Caledonia, Septem ber 22. A trophy is to be awarded Hacke later.

The young corporal, who entered th service in October, 1940, is at present at th Army Ground and Service Forces Redistri bution Station here. Before that time h won matches over Jimmy Bear, light-heavy weight champion of Iowa five years ago and over Pete Baltran, John Ellis, Henry Kolen, Jack Nelson, and Eddie O'Shea. He lost to Jesse James, former light-heavy weight champion of the world, shortly before entering the service.

During his career with the Army in the South Pacific where he has been stationed since February, 1943, he serves as a member of the Military Police.

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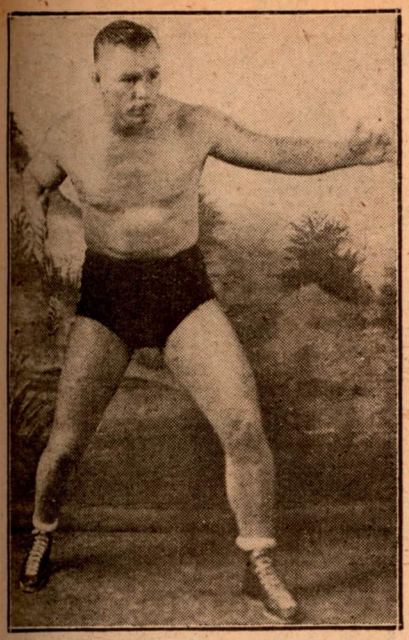
FLOYD (PUD) VERNER

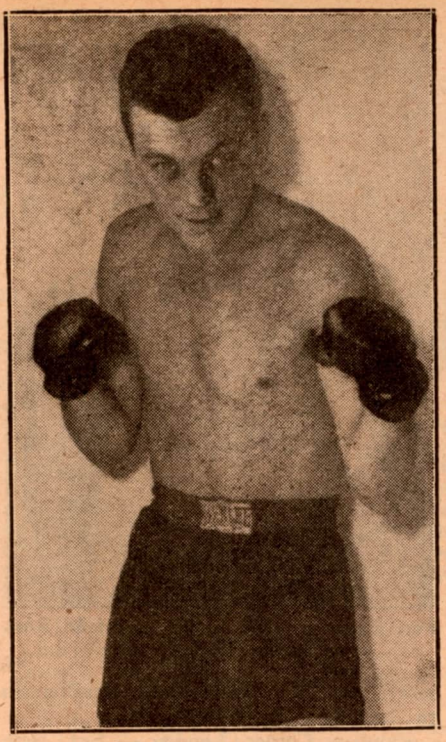
FLOYD (PUD) VERNER from Spencer, Iowa, started boxing when 16 and has lost four decisions in his six years of boxing. He lost two the first year to Mickey McTigue, sectional champion from Dallas, Texas, and Young Martinez of Des Moines, Iowa, flyweight champion. Verner weighs only 110 pounds.

Not a flashy boxer he has a good deceptive defense and blocks well. His main forte is his punch. He is one of the hardest hitters in the flyweight division.

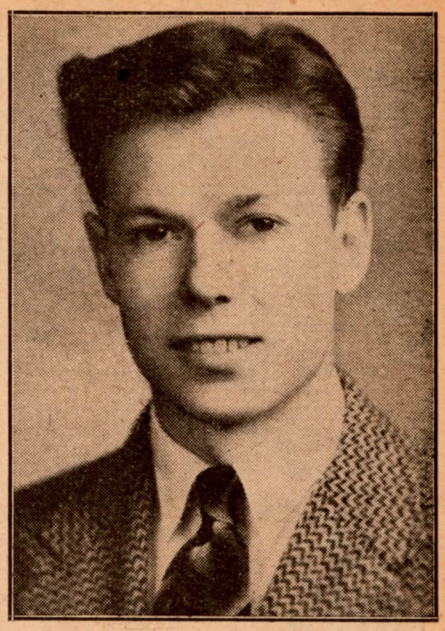
He has knocked out Bob Denshow, Ohio Champion, Jerry Heminger, South Dakota



Russ Hacker of the U. S. Army, who won the junior heavyweight wrestling honors in the South Pacific.



Pvt. Joe Frischerz, of San Francisco who is boxing for his Army team in India.



Floyd (Pud) Verner, from Spencer, Iowa.

Champion; Mike Bolnick, Minneapolis flyweight, John Watrous, Iowa Champion; Russ Gardner, a Navy boxer. He also beat Pat Sheehey, N.W. Golden Gloves Bantamweight Champion.

When he first entered the Navy at the Farragut station, Verner knocked out the flyweight champion, beat the best bantam, and then also won the featherweight title. His latest trophy was a gold belt buckle as 118-pound amateur of the Pacific Coast.

Floyd Verner's mother is a widow and he expects to turn pro after the war and provide financial comfort for her. He is now on overseas duty. His manager Don Buchan, promotes boxing and wrestling in Spencer, Iowa.

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S/SGT. VINCENT GALOTTI

STAFF SGT. VINCENT GALOTTI of Yonkers, N. Y., member of the Dixie Division, recognized by Lt. Lanny Ross as welterweight boxing champion of New Guinea last summer before Galotti moved into the line against the Japs, has now laid claim to that title on Morotai. Lt. Frank Daunt, former amateur boxer around Astoria, Long Island, Galotti's manager, is matching his fighter against all challengers in his weight. "Vinny" fights every two weeks in the big Aussie Bowl.

Morotai's welter champ, who fights at 140 pounds, appeared on several smoker cards in Yonkers before he joined the Army, but he didn't take his fighting seriously until Lieutenant Daunt saw him in action on the transport crossing the Pacific. Since that time Daunt has constantly looked out for Galotti's interests, and the Yonkers sergeant may take up the game as a professional when he returns. He is 23 now.

Galotti's Army job is radio chief of an infantry battalion. Like many another jungle fighter, he cannot actually say he's killed any Japs, although he's been in the thick of several engagements.

Sergeant Galotti's first outstanding success was a decision over the welter champ of the 31st Division, of which he is a member. He arrived overseas too late to enter the big Joe E. Brown Tournament in New Guinea, but he challenged the champ, Kid Vera of California. Galotti lost a close decision to Vera in what was to be his only overseas defeat in 11 months, and then, when Vera quit the ring and Filipino Kid Carpez was set up as the champ, Galotti challenged and decisioned Carpez for the title. Galotti is most proud of the compliment paid him by former radio star Ross: "He told me I was one of the cleanest fighters he'd seen."

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MARINE CORPORAL PETTIT

A MARINE who fights the Japs and fights the men on our side and triumphs both ways, is Marine Corporal Francis E. Pettit, 27, Pittsburgh, Pa. A veteran of Pacific battles who took the title in the Island elimination tournament of the All-Alaska Boxing Tournament, Pettit, the only Marine taking part, was crowned light-heavyweight champion when he triumphed over an Army private in a clean-cut decision.

The corporal will go down the Aleutian chain and if successful in the next elimination, will proceed to the mainland for the finals. Marines are rooting for their champ to bring home the championship trophy.

This fighting Leatherneck has gone a long way since he was named Diamond Belt light-heavyweight champion in 1937, but he retains his old skill and power. On Guadalcanal and Tulagi he gave the Japs a workout, too, it is reported, but they didn't crown him. He saw to that.

Pettit was born in Corapolis, Pa. His parents live in McKees Rock, Pa. His wife, the former Avis Shaffer, and their one-year-old daughter, Kristin Pettit, live at the Pittsburgh address.

After he was graduated from Stowe Township High School, McKees Rock, in 1935, he worked as a craneman for Pittsburgh Coke and Iron Mills, Pittsburgh, Pa.

PUNCHING PADILLA

ONE of the most sought-after featherweights in England at the present time is Pvt. Vince Padilla, a tough southpaw from San Bernardino, Calif. A hard hitter with both hands and rugged enough to absorb a lot of punishment, Vince is a lad you can depend on.

Fans at the Rainbow Corner are beginning to like his style, yet the Eighth Air Force had seen him many times before this at their shows. At the bell he'll come in weaving and bobbing, throwing those arms from every direction. He keeps after his opponent, forcing him to cover up many times, Vince hits just as hard with either hand and has a habit of changing stance now and then. This works well with him and has added to the confusion of his opponents.

Vince's only loss has been to Jerry Pecararo, the Manhattan Jumping Jack, who is the Eighth Air Force and USSTAF champion. Jerry is in the Mediterranean and when he gets back he will no doubt find a different Padilla awaiting him.

Starting the Fall season, Vince beat Hoakon Nielson of the Norwegian team on the Billy Conn show which had Jack Dempsey as the referee. Vince was the master throughout and was just too strong for the game Norwegian.

At Rainbow Corner he made himself a threat to the Eighth Air Force featherweights by whipping three opponents. He gave Clement Morrone a going over and twice beat Cliff Wagner, willing Milwaukee swinger.

Padilla guards the posts of the base when not fighting—he's an M.P. on an Eighth Air Force station.

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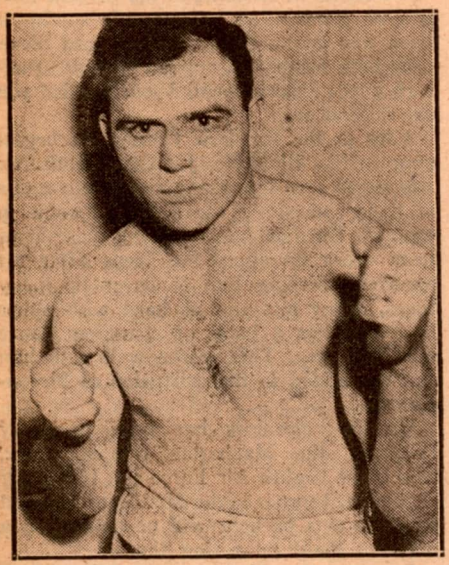
CHUCK TAYLOR

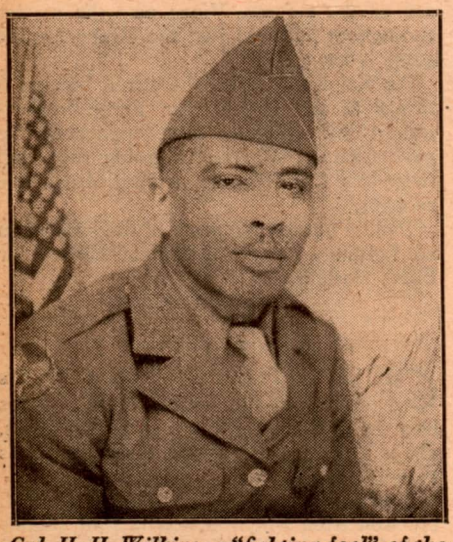
CHUCK TAYLOR of Pittsburgh, Pa., is a member of the armed forces and has been in uniform for more than two years. He is a good welterweight prospect. He is twenty-two years old.

Taylor engaged in four fights in 1944. He won from Billy Shelton in four rounds and from Mareld Tidwell in eight and

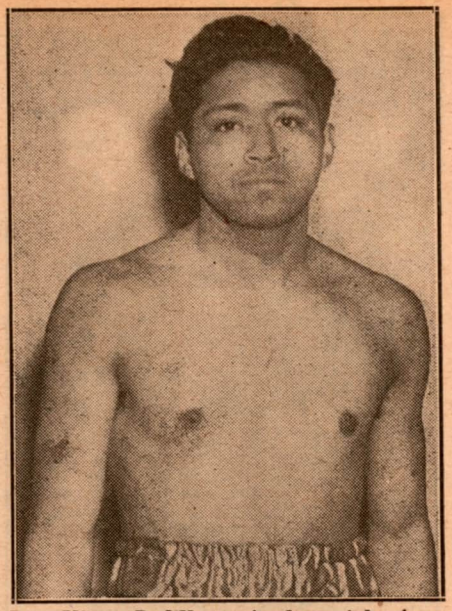
Pfc. Edward Podles of Baltimore, who was killed in action in France.



Pvt. Bill Kingsland, former ETO light-heavy champ.



Cpl. H. H. Wilkins, a "fighting fool" of the U. S. Army.

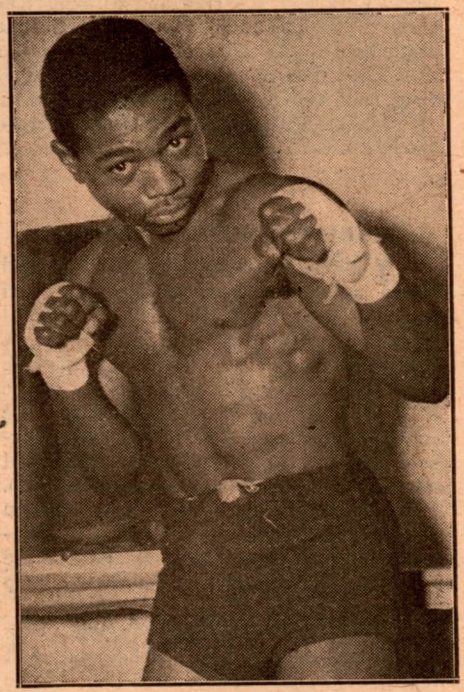


Pvt. Vince Padilla, a featherweight from San Bernardino, Cal.

scored knockouts over Earl Hamilton in two and Smuggy Hersey in four.

Rainbow Corner, London — Sgt. John Jarosik of Meadowland, Pa., scored a K.O. over Sgt. Heaston Zirkle in two rounds at the ETO semi-finals at Rainbow Corner and will now be entered in the finals. A paratrooper, Sgt. Jarosik fought in the Golden Glove finals before entering the service.

Pvt. Bill Kingsland, 166-lb. former ETO



Pvt. Murray T. "Sugar" Cain, an army boxer who looms as a fine prospect.

light-heavyweight champ in 1943, of Redondo, Calif., lost a hard fought decision to Cpl. Dick Young in the semi-finals. Pvt. Kingsland is a former Golden Glove winner and expects to enter the ring after the war.

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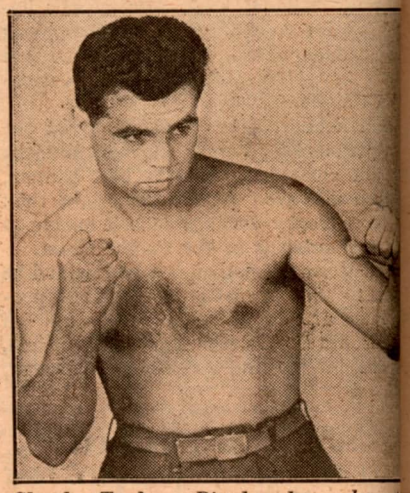
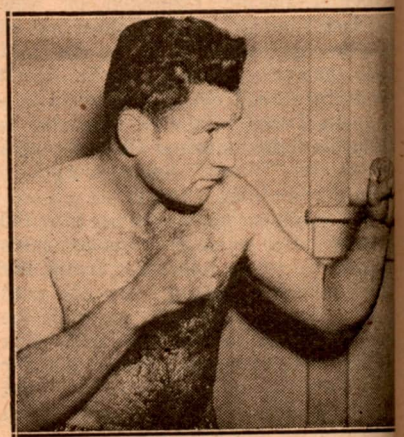
CPL. H. H. WILKINS

ONE of the leading Illinois amateurs who was drafted into the army just after he had finished high school and was about

'Lil Ernie Schexnayder, an active fighter at Hammer Field.



Chuck Taylor, Pittsburgh welterweight now in the army.



Sgt. John Zarosik, a semi-finalist in the ETO championships.

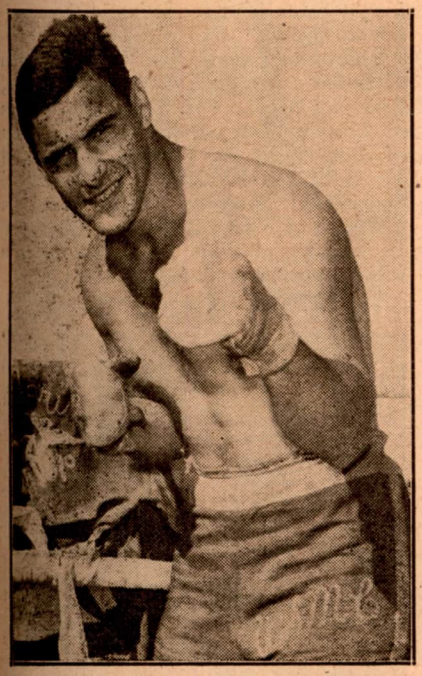
to turn professional, is Cpl. H. H. Wilkins, a welterweight. He had won the Section championship as an amateur and has carried off the honors in two army tournaments.

Wilkins is six feet two inches and scales 147 pounds. He is now in New Guinea.

The Fighting Leathernecks

Tourneys in the South Pacific Draw Boxers Well Known Nationally in Amateur and Pro Circles

It was a "remember when . . . in Philly" session when the three men above got together recently at Camp Pendleton to rehash old ring experiences. They are, left to right: Marine Staff Sergeant Lou Fortuna, lightweight and welterweight boxer; Jim Londos, the Golden Greek of wrestling fame; and Ben Cohen, specialist (athletics), first class, in the Navy, middleweight boxer. Fortuna and Cohen both reside in Philadelphia, while the big Greek won the world's heavyweight wrestling title in the City of Brotherly Love in 1930. Cohen fought under the ring name of Bobby Kearn.



Marine Pfc. Samuel Vargo, outstanding Central Pacific middleweight.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANCISCO (PANCHO) DE LA CRUZ, Los Angeles heavyweight boxer who claims the Mexican crown, recently scored a knockout victory in a Second Marine Division tournament held in the Pacific. The 220-pound Leatherneck, holder of the Division title, floored his opponent for a nine-count in the second round and twice more in the final heat.

He won his title in Hawaii after the battle for Tarawa. Since then the "G.I. Tony Galento" has fought at Saipan and Tinian. He is defending his title in the present tourney.

Prior to entering the service, de la Cruz had 29 fights, according to a Marine combat correspondent.

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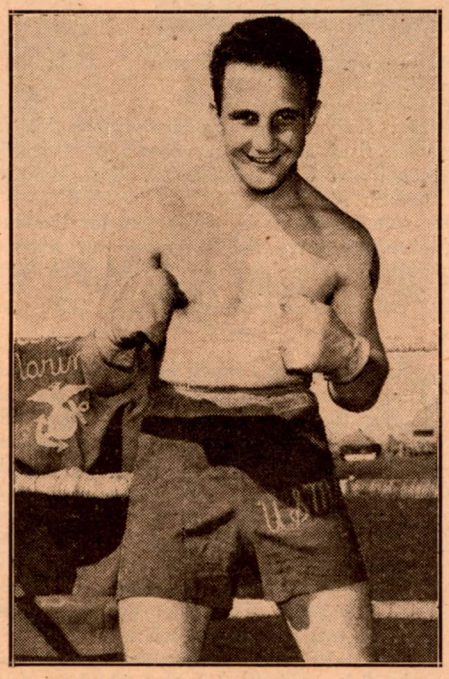
MARINE PRIVATE DONALD E. VOGEL, of Wagner, S. Dak., Golden Gloves bantamweight champion of South Dakota in 1942, fought his way to the finals in the Solomon Islands championship bouts for servicemen here recently.

Vogel is now fighting in the featherweight division and has beaten Marine Army and Navy opponents. He is the son of "Al" Vogel, professional welterweight of the twenties. His father now is a dairyman in Wagner. Private Vogel came overseas four months ago.

MARINE PRIVATE CHESTER VINCI, former amateur holder of the Eastern Seaboard, 118-pound title in 1942, is the undisputed Central Pacific Area Champ, writes Technical Sergeant Fred E. Welker.

Winner of 56 of 69 starts in his civilian ring career, the Champ found it a little easier in his all-service bouts. In this classification he has won 40 out of 46, and in so doing, defeated the Army champ, Al Garcia, twice.

The 19-year-old Marine is a graduate of the Rome Free Academy of Rome, N. Y.



Marine Pvt. Chester Vinci, Central Pacific bantam king.

Having won the Adirondack A.A.U. Tournament at Watertown, N. Y., in 1942, he hopes to continue his boxing career in that section of the country, after the war. Most of his amateur bouts have taken place in Syracuse, Albany, Johnson City and New York City.

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MARINE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SAMUEL VARGO, a hard-hitting middleweight boxer from Orange, N. J., is the number one contender for the Central Pacific Area championship crown. Coming into the Corps with an enviable record as the 147-pound "Diamond Belt" champ from Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1941, and with 64 wins and only three losses, he has fought the best of the middleweights in all branches of the service in this area and has suffered two losses as compared with 24 wins.

He was born and raised in McKeesport, Pa., and attended the McKeesport High School. His folks live in Orange, N. J.

As a welterweight, Vargo fought under the banner of the John O'Hara Sporting Club of McKeesport, and was affiliated with that organization when he won the Diamond Belt. He was with this club as a welterweight during 1939, 1940, 1941.

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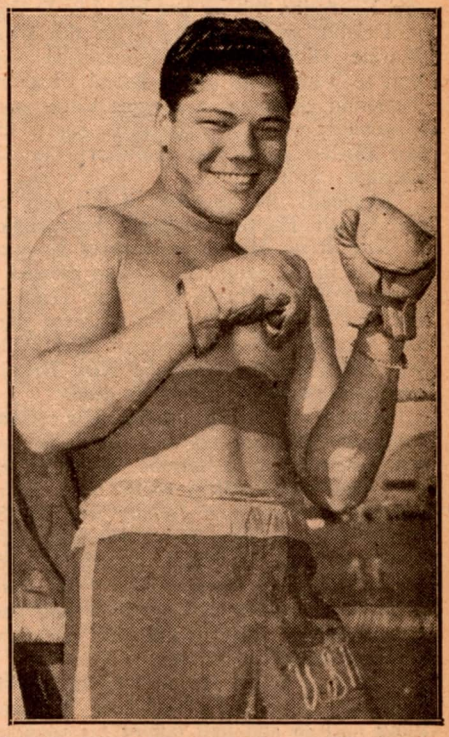
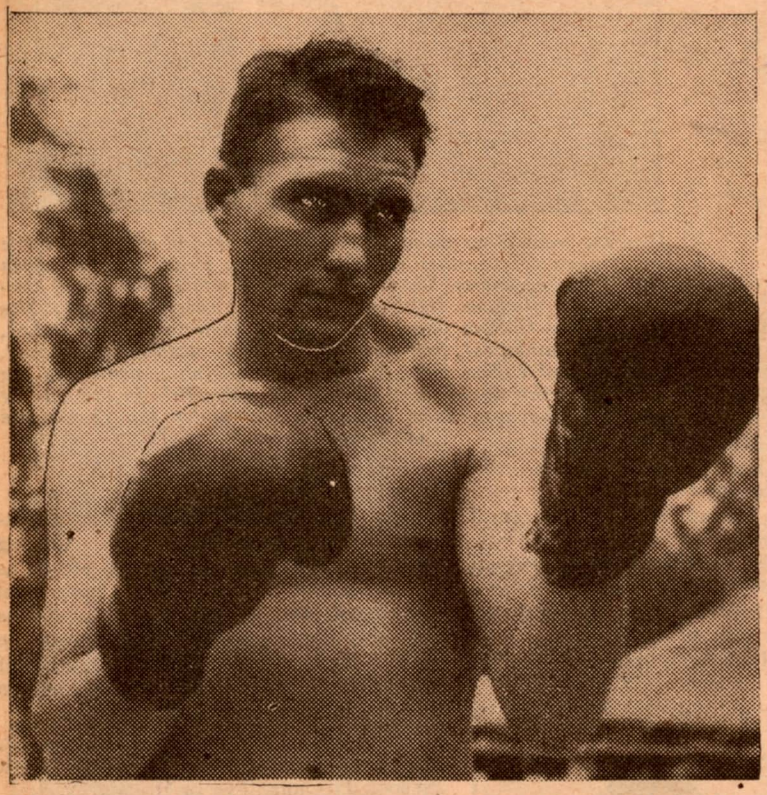


Marine Pvt. Paul G. Bishop, 18-year-old boxer with an impressive record in the Central Pacific area.

Stories About Marines

Written for THE RING *by Combat Correspondents of the U.S.M.C.*



Corporal Kenneth Johnson, a Marine who carries a hefty wallop and has been active in his outfit.

ADD to the growing list of boxers who have given their lives for their country in the biggest fight of all time, the name of Marine Sergeant John C. Riddle, 20 years old, a lightweight of exceptional ability, who hailed from Fullerton, Kentucky. Johnny was killed on D-Day at Peleliu, while fighting with the First Marine Division. This information was sent to THE RING by Technical Sergeant Benjamin Goldberg, a Marine Corps correspondent who formerly wrote sports for the Boston *Post*. Sgt. Goldberg, in his message, wrote:

"Ironically, the boys out in this neck of the South Pacific, received their copies of THE RING Magazine in early November and in the issue, THE RING carried a story of the Leatherneck Boxing Team in our rest camp and in the illustrated portion was a picture of Johnny. The photo was taken shortly after the New Britain campaign and now Johnny is dead.

"Johnny went down fighting. His combat engineer outfit set up a defense line on the beach under a terrific bombardment by mortar and artillery shells. The enemy attacked at dusk and Johnny was out in front, in a foxhole, and exchanging fire with the Japs, who were anywhere from 15 to 40 yards ahead. The Japs were throwing grenades like baseballs and had two automatic weapons covering our area, besides plenty of riflemen.

"The boys found Johnny late that night, after the Japs were repulsed. He was lying half in and half out of his foxhole, facing the enemy with his arm on his rifle. Johnny always gave his best in the ring and, as mentioned in THE RING Magazine story, 'carried a demolitions kit in each fist.' He was a veteran of Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester, New Britain, and in Marine lingo, was 'a good Joe.'"

We Leathernecks thank you for the fine play you gave the story on our leather pushers. The boys are tickled pink and chorus "Thanks to THE RING."

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Staff Sergeant Francis H. Barr of Dallas, Texas, writes from Somewhere in the Pacific that Marine Corporal Kenneth S. Johnson, 21, heavyweight boxing champion of his regiment, and his mortar squad, fired 130 rounds of 81 mm. shells in a two-minute barrage during the battle of Guam. The barrage killed at least 77 Japs, forward mortar observers reported.

Corporal Johnson, who lives in Somerton, Ariz., said his mortar got so hot he and his men couldn't touch it.

"I lost 10 pounds during the Guam campaign," he said, "and I probably lost most of the weight during that two minutes."

Corporal Johnson is under contract to Marine Corporal M. M. (Kayo) Janic of Oakland, Calif., a Marine hero, boxer and former trainer of Max and Buddy Baer. He will fight professionally after the war, he said.

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Sergeant Harold E. Foreman of Menasha, Wis., sends this from Somewhere in the Pacific:

Marine boxers of the famed First Division tangled in the initial round of a ring tourney to determine the "All Service" champions of the Southwest Pacific.

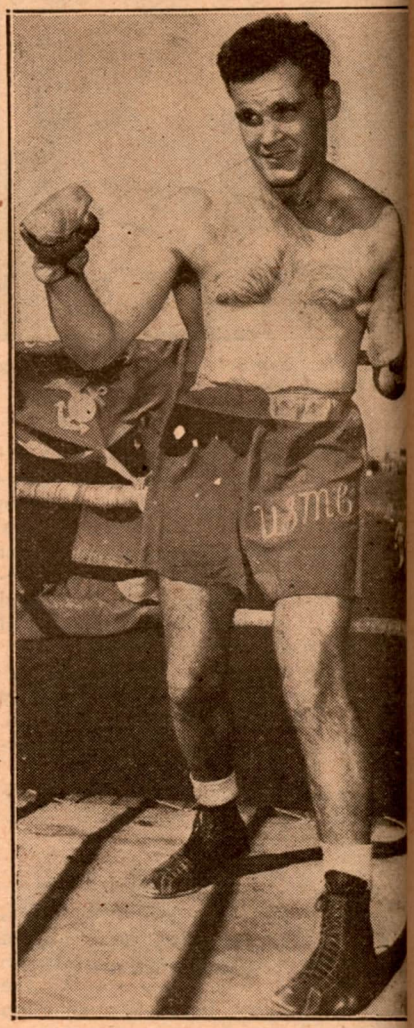
In the championship slugfest were men of the Marine Corps, Army, Navy, Seabees and Coast Guard.

Ringmen from the First Regiment of the First Battalion scored an impressive win over their First Division opponents from the Division Reconnaissance Company, the Second Battalion and the Fourth Joint Assault Signal Company. In all, the First Battalion scored six wins, gained a draw, and dropped but one bout.

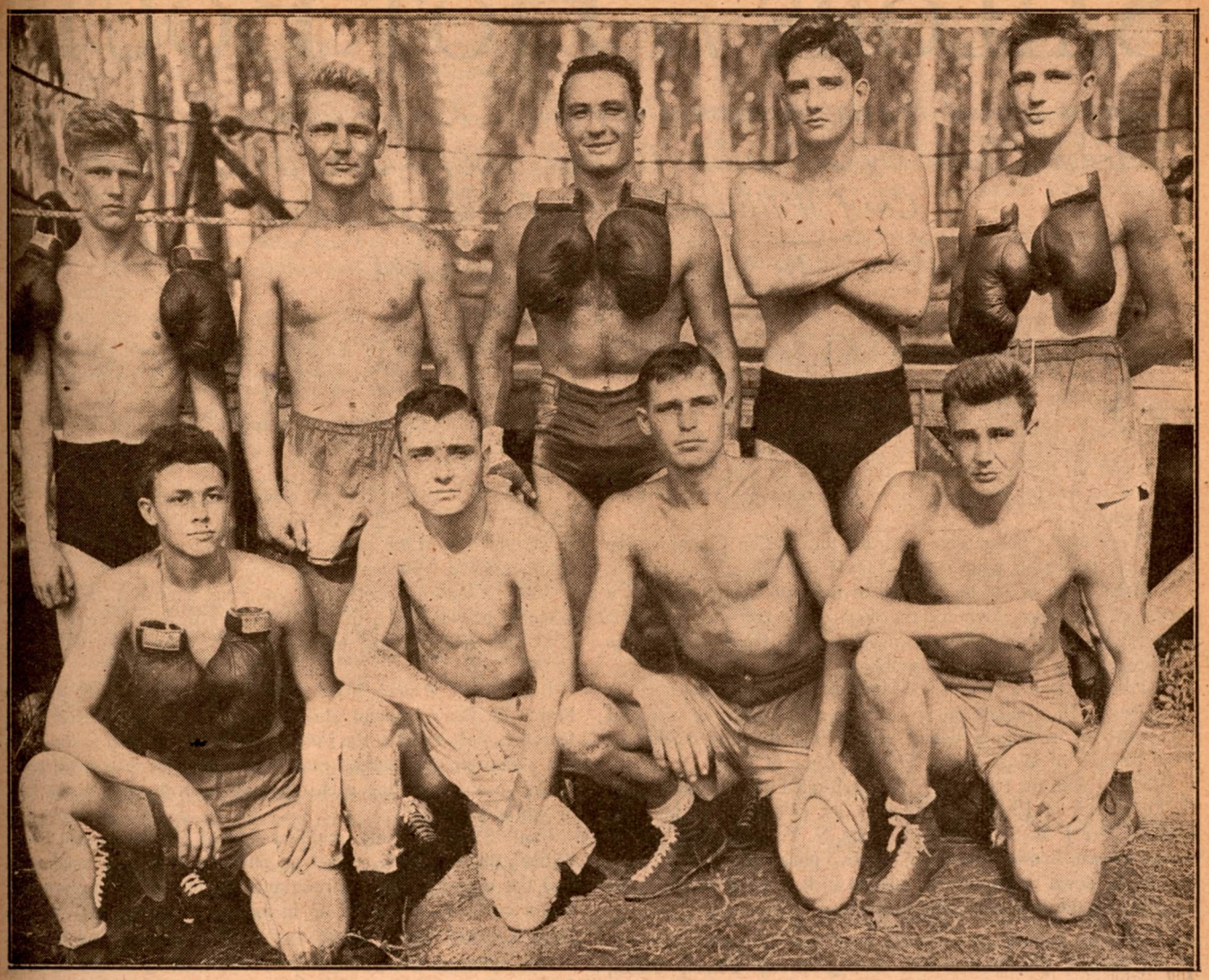
The matches were fast, clean and hard fought—each bout consisting of three two-minute rounds.

The winners were: Pvt. Wesley Peterson of Billings, Mont.; Pvt. Burt Williams of Ritzville, Wash.; Pvt. Tommy G. Osborn of Lincoln, Ark.; Pvt. Bert H. Peterson of Bonner Ferry, Idaho; Pvt. Stewart Watts of Del Ridder, La.; Pvt. Richard Dalziel of Dearborn, Mich.; Pvt. Ruth Morrison of Flint, Mich.; and Pvt. Edward E. Ortega of San Fernando, Calif., a former professional fighter.

The referee for the bouts was Pv



Marine Private First Class Lou Jimin of Hayward, California, recently slugged his way to the boxing championship of the Central Pacific Area. With 33 wins and 6 losses the Hayward fighter forged steadily toward the championship which he clinched with 15 straight victories over Army, Navy and Marine personnel. His wife lives in Hayward, California.



First Marine Division Boxers—These Marines have been competing in the initial round of a tourney to determine the "All Service" champions of the Southwest Pacific. Front row—left to right—Pvt. Wesley Peterson, Billings, Mont.; Pvt. Bert Williams, Ritzville, Wash.; Pvt. Tommy G. "Monk" Osborne, Lincoln, Ark.; Pvt. Bert H. Peterson, Bonner Ferry, Idaho. Back row—left to right—Pvt. Stewart "Blonde" Watts, Del Ridder, La.; Pvt. Richard "Curley" Dalziel, Dearborn, Mich.; Pvt. Edward E. "Eddie" Ortega, San Francisco, Cal.; Pvt. Rufe Mossiron, Flint, Mich.; Pvt. Lawrence Higlee, Duluth, Minn. (Marine Corps Photo)

James A. Lott of Hollywood, Calif. The tournament fights were under the direction of Marine First Lieutenant Neil M. Hansen of Stanwood, Wash., regimental athletic officer.

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Sergeant Vic Kalman of Jamaica, N. Y., writes from Somewhere in the South Pacific:

If the 19-year-old Lucia twins of Stamford, Conn., put on another exhibition boxing match, Marines of the famous First Division insist they wear different colored trunks.

In a recent match, the Lucias—Canio and Salvatore, privates first class—had the audience befuddled.

It was bad enough in the first round, when the spectators weren't sure they were rooting for the brother they were backing. By the third round, they were certain something was amiss—and they were right.

The twins had swapped corners during the fight.

The Lucias serve as messengers and sentries during combat.

"One of our jobs at Peleliu was to dig up 'dud' shells," Canio said. "I thought each shell I picked up would be my last."

On the third day of the Peleliu battle, Sal was atop a hill and Canio was working at the foot with half a dozen other Marines. A mortar shell exploded and shrapnel whizzed past Sal's head. Four men near Canio were injured, but neither of the Lucias were hit.

The Lucias were well known for their sports activities in the Catholic Youth Organization. Sal was an amateur boxer on the CYO team, while Canio caught for Sacred Heart in the CYO baseball league.

Sal, a 155-pounder, has won seven straight bouts in the Marine Corps, including two aboard ship when the Leathernecks were heading for Peleliu.

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Another good boxer with the outfit here is Martin J. Monaco, a 140-pound private first class.

With his machine gun and his battle cry —"Leave 'em for me; they're my weight!", Pfc. Martin J. Monaco, 26, former Long Island and Bronx boxer and ballplayer, wreaked havoc among the Japs on Peleliu from the beach to "Bloody Nose Ridge."

The arm that threw baseballs for the Astoria Arrows tossed grenades one night into a group of Japs attempting to infiltrate through the Marine lines.

"I was on guard duty that night," Marty said. "It had been awfully quiet, when suddenly I heard a scraping below the ridge I was lying on. I crept to the edge and looked down. There were some Japs sneaking up the path."

Monaco heaved a dozen grenades into their midst. In the morning, the Marines found seven of the enemy dead.

The Peleliu campaign was Monaco's first. He enlisted in the Marines in December, 1943.

Marty was an all-around athlete before the war and his home in Astoria, N. Y., was a meeting place for athletes. He played basketball for several church and semi-pro teams, including the corking St. Phillip of Neri quintet in the Bronx, and the Bronx Trojans and Long Island Cardinals, football aggregations. He boxed in the amateurs and reached the semi-finals in the Silver Skates at Madison Square Garden.

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Marine Private Paul G. Bishop, former Golden Gloves finalist who lost to Leroy Jackson at Boston in 1942, recently won

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SAILORS *in* HOT BOUTS

Newport Naval Station Crowns Champions—Gulfstreamers Perform Before Ardent Gathering—Treasure Islanders Outpunch Vallejo Scrappers—Chief Williams Leaves for Bigger Battles

By HARRY DWYER, CSM

Navy's RING *Correspondent.*

SAILORS at the Newport, R. I., Naval Training Center sat through a two-hour boxing show and saw their favorites clinch and clout their way to victories in the station championships, held recently at the Third Regiment Drill hall. A capacity crowd thrilled to every punch laid on the anatomies by the sea-going sluggers, as they crowded six boxing bouts into a well-rounded program of fistic entertainment.

Winners of the bouts were awarded the Station Championship and were presented with sterling silver Identification bracelets. The losers came in for their share of the laurels and received a carton of cigarettes. Men for the bouts were recruited from the ranks of the Training Center as well as from the boxing stables of ships waiting to go into commission.

Starting off with a bang, Irish Murphy, shifty little 124-pounder from Peoria, Ill., chalked one up on the spotlight when he surprised the crowd by sinking a potent wallop into the breadbasket of Fred Shorter of Washington. The end came at 1:35.

Working with the consistency of a well-oiled piece of machinery, C. O. Brown of Pittsburgh threw a lot of leather to take the decision over J. M. Sementelli of Lyons, N. Y., to take the welterweight crown. Brown's powerful one-two punch started the Lyons boy on the down grade, but the upstate socker got in several good licks before the bell ended the festivities.

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USING his potent left with telling effect, Tommy Allen, middleweight of New York City, won the nod over Roy Langley of Laurenburg, N. C., in one of the fightingest bouts on the card. Allen's long reach seemed to hamper the Southern lad who fought back with the ferocity of a wounded animal, only to have the decision go to the boxer from the Knickerbocker state.

Two powerful sluggers met in a lightweight bout when Jimmie Davis of Dallas, Texas, slugged it out with Bill Partlow of Reform, Ala., with both fisticuffers traveling fast throughout the fiasco. At the final bell, a draw decision was given. In the "flip of the coin for the identification bracelet," Davis was on the lucky side.

Throwing his heavy artillery at his opponent, G. L. Silva, 126-pounder from Cambridge, Mass., bounced Clip Belino, 122, of Worcester, Mass., through the ropes twice before the final bell tolled, and copped the decision which was received warmly by the fans.

Shooting a devastating left at his opponent's anatomy, Frank Maxwell, 155, of Baltimore, Md., closed out the fistic entertainment by hanging the blackout curtain on the frame of Don Forney, 155, of Continental, Ohio, after 1:35 of the second heat had gone into the discard. Maxwell started at the opening bell and just bided his time until the fatal blow, then he cut loose with the Sunday wallop and it was curtains for the lad from Ohio.

In charge of the program was Chief Specialist (A) Jack Waddall, with Csp.(A) Harry Kiesler calling the shots from the ring. Gerry Ryan announced the program. The judges were Sp/1c (A) Leonard "Cowboy" Hughes, and Ed Lawson, Sp/(A)3c. Ben Moffett Sp/(A)/1c, held the watch.

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MAKING the best of a pleasant afternoon in the gulf stream, six pairs of sea-going scrappers turned on each other with all the vim and vigor of a sextet of professionals, and thrilled a gathering of more than 300 fans who crowded every available deck space to watch the fisticuffers go through their paces.

Of the six bouts on the afternoon's program, one resulted in a draw, one was an exhibition affair, and four traveled the route to a decision.

Lifting the curtain for the opener, Ralph Mintz, 140, of Wilmington, Del., threw a lot of leather at Jesse Jones, 140, of Laurel, Miss., but it went for naught as the Mississippi scrapper had more on his punches and copped the duke.

Albert Clouse of Shelbyville, Ind., and Tom Anderson of Philadelphia pounded each other with every wallop in the catalogue, with the decision going to the Philly scrapper who weighed in at 140.

Bill Hardy, scrappy little youngster from St. Louis, went the limit with Ben Chapman, shifty little Negro scrapper from South Carolina, only to have the judges award the decision to the southern youngster. For three heats, both boys kept their fistic bag of tricks open, pummeling each other all over the ring to the great delight of the fans.

Paul "Slats" Fleming, middleweight of Pittsburgh, and Robert "Slim" Birch of Erie, pulled no punches when they tangled and had the crowd on edge throughout the melee. What started off like a casual clash wound up in mayhem, with the final decision being a draw verdict which met with the approval of the fans.

Displaying an array of punches which took the crowd's fancy, Johnny Owens, former light-heavyweight champion of the state of Nevada went three fast rounds with Francis J. Whelihan of Holyoke, Mass. Owens, who is built "a la Joe Louis," uncorked some whoppers on the Bay State scrapper, who used up all his strategy to ward off the hefty wallops from the machine gun arms of the Nevada champion. All through the bout, Owens and Whelihan kept the fans howling with delight at the deft way the pair swung leather.

Bill Dyer, welterweight of Savannah, Ga., brought all of his professional experience to bear on Zeke MacElair of Brooklyn, and romped home with the judge's decision. Dyer, before signing up with the Navy, fought several pro fights, one being with Sugar Robinson, a few years back.

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TREATING the visiting fireman with all the gaiety and finesse of what the Yanks are handing to the Axis partners, the boxers from the Treasure Island stable of the Armed Guard opened up their barrage of leather on their pals from Vallejo, Calif., Naval Depot, and when the din and the noise of the evening had died down, the leather pushers of the Armed Guard had punched holes in the defense works of the lads from Vallejo. Leon Hutson, punch dispenser from the Vallejo stable being the only one to go home with a win.

Hutson started to go to work on the opening bell and massaged Johnson's face with a bevy of stinging rights which did the local boy no good. After weathering the terrific barrage of leather in the first heat, Louis Johnson of the local stable went out in the second stanza via the T.K.O. route.

Two local lads lifted the curtain when Acey Smith sighted a flaw in the defense of Alley Weaver and beat a tattoo on his breadbasket, flooring him for a seven-count in the opening stanza, then

driving home the knockout blow in the third. Both boys tipped the Fairbanks at 155 pounds.

A combination of long rights and short lefts that played havoc on the anatomy of Johnny Sampson by southpaw Frankie McCall of the Vallejo squad went for naught when the Armed Guard swatter absorbed all the punishment and dug into his own bag of tricks to get himself a draw when the final bell clanged.

Another draw decision was recorded when Keeyah Beagay of the Armed Guard teed off against Bob Burgess of Vallejo. Beagay opened the fistivities with caution but came back strong in the second round to give the northern boy his daily boxing lesson. However, Burgess' knowledge of the game, plus his ability to come back earned him a draw.

Reversing the tables of a few months ago, Archey "Sledgehammer" Rasley, light heavyweight Armed Guard, gave Eddie Draughan, hard-hitting Negro scrapper from Vallejo, a rough time for three heats, finally capturing the duke at the bell. In the previous bout, Draughan, by clever handling of the upholstered mittens, gave Rasley the works. However, the Armed Guard entry turned the tables and worked a right cross that clicked like the Allied Army rolling over the Cologne plains in Germany.

In the heavyweight fiasco, Chief Ray Williams, full blooded Caddo Indian and veteran of more than 180 ring battles, had to dig deep into his ring lore to register a win against a smart fighter in Jules Guinyard of Vallejo in the final scrap of the card. Guinyard who put up a tough struggle against Jackie Burke a few bouts ago, could not solve the offensive tactics of the Chief once he turned loose his maulies. A dynamic left hook coupled with a sharp right cross spelled doom for the Vallejo entry who was shaken with every wallop from the Chief.

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BOXERS from the Newport, R. I., stable hung a 3 to 1 defeat on the sluggers from Melville when they clashed in a leather battle. The Melville squad was kept on the go from bell to bell by the hustling sockers from Newport.

"Red" Russell, Nashville, Tenn., took a T.K.O. victory over Harry Jones of Washington, D. C., to take the featherweight bout and add points for Newport.

Joe Murlhy of Buffalo, N. Y., added to the Newport score when he scored a third round T.K.O. over Doug Mergues of Brooklyn, N. Y., in the lightweight class.

Mike Damico, welterweight, who hails from Meadville, Pa., took a close one over his shipmate from the home state, Bill Robinson of Clearfield, Pa.

The only win for the Melville sockers came in the middleweight scrap when Whitey Maddox fell before the onslaught of Garland Cheeks of St. Louis. It was too much cheek for the Newport scrapper who claims Miami, Fla., as his home port.

Both boys are middleweights.

Two intra-station bouts added luster to an already thrill-packed program. John Dudley, welterweight from New York City, scored a T.K.O. in the second round over Walter Jones of Camden, Me., and Chuck Forte of Cincinnati and Chet Brown of Pittsburg, Kan., fought to a draw in their 150-pound affair.

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WHEN Greek meets Greek, they generally open a restaurant, but when eight pairs of sailor scrappers turn their big guns on each other, more than a restaurant is needed to quell the outbursts of the ardent fans who turned out to witness the slugging events.

Ed Jones, 121, from Atoka, Okla., clever little slugger from the southwest, had an easy time outpointing Paul White of Riverhead, N. Y., in the opener.

Art Snyder, light-heavy from Akron, Ohio, and Bud Brown of Lakeland, Fla., started slugging at the first bell and kept up the mayhem until Snyder sneaked over the big one and Brown went out over the T.K.O. route.

Wearing his opponent down with a flurry of sledgehammer blows, Joe Singara, heavyweight from Pittsburgh, scored a win over Marvin Steiner of St. Louis. Both men made a round trip to the canvas in the second round.

In a 140-pound melee, Jack Taylor of Kingston, N. C., had a tough time to score a win over Tom Delaney, 142, of Hudson, N. Y. It was nip and tong right up to the last bell with Taylor getting in the more telling blows in the final heat, piling up points for the decision.

Tommy Romani, New York City, copped the duke over Ed Knight of Scranton, Pa. Paul Birge, Minneapolis, decisioned Jimmy Cummins of Philadelphia in a bout which received a great ovation from the fans.

Steve Tirado, New York City, won a close one over Lloyd Gerdis of Sand Point, Idaho, and Bob McTeague wound up the night's doings by winning the decision over Jimmy Sweeney of Battle Creek, Mich. McTeague, who hails from St. Joseph, Mich., had a hard time of it up until the final heat when he uncorked a few tricky punches to take the nod.

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CHIEF RAY WILLIAMS, rugged Oklahoma Indian slugger and holder of five state titles in the boxing industry, said goodby to the old gang at Treasure Island by playing pitcher to J. Brown of the Alameda, Calif., stable and kayoing his opponent in the third heat of their scheduled heavyweight classic.

Before signing up as a scrapper for Uncle Sam, Williams fought his way to the top of the boxing ranks, starting in the "small class" and going right through the opposition until he copped the heavyweight diadem, only to lose out in the National Golden Gloves after he had reached the finals of the annual classic.

Not only is the Chief the reigning member of the boxing profession in his family but he is also the proud rooter for two brothers who, incidentally, have the diadems of the welterweight and middleweight boxing crowns resting on their respective heads.

Nat Fleischer Says:

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Zivic had nine pounds the better of the weights.

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THE boxing situation in California has assumed a grave aspect. The game that has flourished and brought fame and fortune to many boxers, has been hit hard in recent months by unscrupulous pugilists and managers, and there is a possibility that the boxing law may be repealed.

Four "no-contests" in a fortnight—a record for such bouts—has resulted in widespread discontent, charges of fraud, suspensions, and a statement by one legislator that he intends to introduce a bill banning those guilty of fraud for life.

What is wrong with boxing in the far West? New York has far more contests than California, yet we don't hear of fraud charges, collusion and gambler threats. The law is enforced and the supervision is of the best.

In years gone by California was the hotbed of boxing. It was one of the four cradles of the game in this country. Then came the end of professional pugilism in the state and it was only after many years of effort on the part of the lovers of clean sport, that boxing again was legalized.

The members of the California Commission are capable, honorable men who no doubt have the interest of the sport at heart. But they don't seem to regard their referees in the same light. If they did, the commission would support those officials more often. If boxing is to be continued in California, there must be a wholesale cleanup. The unscrupulous managers who have been charged with attempted fraud should be kicked out of the game. Incapable referees should have their licenses revoked.

The game is bigger than any of these men and it behooves the California Commission to fumigate the sport now.

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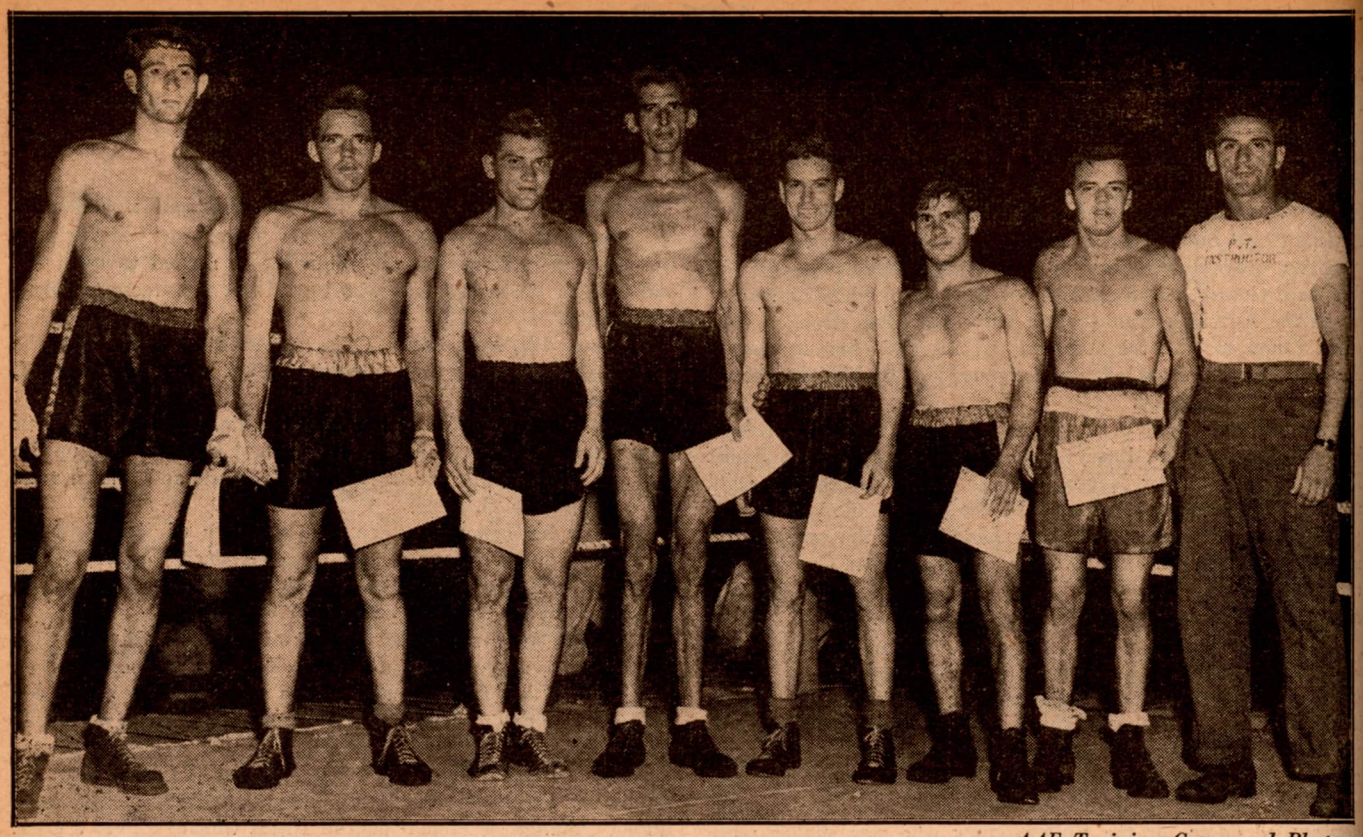
PETE MONTESI, well-known in New York fight circles, has returned from the European battle front, a casualty. Pete lost his left arm and left leg in the recent drive of the Nazis. Montesi was wounded twice previously. He staged the first boxing show for the GI's in France, following the invasion of Normandy and was instrumental in furnishing boxing entertainment to the boys at the front.

Peter was a member of a Motor Company that participated in the counter drive against the Germans. He is now convalescing at Asbury Park.



AAF Training Command Photo.

Boxing Champions of seven weight divisions, selected in the recent "Battle of Champions" boxing tournament at Boca Raton Army Air Field, a technical school of the AAF Training Command, are pictured above. Left to right are Cpl. Felix Bachmeier, Portland, Ore., heavyweight; Cpl. Clare Carpenter, Lansing, Mich., light-heavyweight; Cpl. Claire Noblitt, Champagne, Ill., middleweight; Cpl. Dick Sheppard, Fort Smith, Ark., welterweight; Cpl. Billy Sharpless, Akron, Ohio, lightweight; Cpl. Pat Scifo, Brooklyn, N. Y., featherweight; Cpl. Tommy Honan, Chicago, Ill., bantamweight; and Sgt. Samuel Potrock, matchmaker.

BOXING ENTHUSIASM HIGH AT BOCA RATON AIR FIELD

UNCLE SAM'S fighting forces love action!

Many of them are getting plenty of it daily in far-flung battle zones, but few of them can relax at the sound of a gong like the boxing soldiers at Boca Raton Army Air Field, a technical school of the AAF Training Command. A square arena bounded by ropes is the battle zone of personnel stationed at this field as they participate in the recreational sport while acquiring training in a technical school for future combat with the AAF overseas.

Present battles are confined to pugilistic talents while soldier buddies, as in realistic battle, back them up with spirited rooting instead of guns. Boxing at Boca Raton Field has become a very popular sport for soldiers and many of them feel that its usefulness will be fully realized when they do reach an overseas destination.

Not only are the contests providing physical value for the men involved, but are developing aggressiveness, agility, quickness of perception, confidence, courage and self control—and any soldier at Boca Raton Field will tell you that the bi-monthly boxing shows are a great morale-building factor for spectators. That is what the physical fitness department had hoped for when it encouraged the growth of the sport. But the men had to be taught to like the sport for itself before they could be taught the benefits to be derived.

Competitive spirit was the answer to the problem and was developed at Boca Raton Field by waging fights for titles in the various weight divisions. There are always boxing champions at Boca Raton Field, but due to the constant change of AAF personnel, not many of them hold the titles very long. For instance, there were only three of the eight weight division titleholders on the field when the recent "Battle of Champions" tournament was staged. In that competition, an elimination tournament was conducted to determine a champion for each weight division.

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THE tournament took up a space of three boxing shows with the following men being crowned as king of their own divisions: Cpl. Felix Bachmeier, Portland, Ore., heavyweight; Cpl. Clare Carpenter, Lansing, Mich., light-heavyweight; Cpl. Claire Noblitt, Champagne, Ill., middleweight; Cpl. Dick Sheppard, Fort Smith, Ark., welterweight; Cpl. Billy Sharpless, Akron, Ohio, lightweight; Cpl. Pat Scifo, Brooklyn, N. Y., featherweight; Cpl. Tommy Honan, Chicago, Ill., bantamweight. There were no entries for the flyweight division.

Since that time Pvt. Robert Clemmons, Chicago, has won the light-heavyweight title; Cpl. Carl Pulkinen, Charlotte, N. C., welterweight; Cpl. Bob Clephane, Indianapolis, Ind., featherweight; and Cpl. Eddie Malavarca, Montclair, N. J., bantamweight.

To keep up the enthusiasm displayed in championship battles, there is always at least one title on the block at every boxing show with the challenger usually a newcomer. Where do the challengers come from? They come from the PT ranks with every GI having a chance to become that challenger. Men at Boca Raton Field are required to take physical training, but those interested in boxing have the opportunity to take a particular type of training beneficial to boxing instead of the usual physical conditioning exercises barked in cadence from a PT stand by one of the many PT instructors.

Most of the men participating in boxing are technical school students. When boxing conflicts with Army duties it becomes secondary to them but it still does not discourage their love for the sport. These men go to school, do KP and work detail. The majority of them have never put on a boxing glove or participated in a fist fight of any sort. Surprising as it may seem these men turn out to be star pupils.

Every man is given the chance to develop his own boxing style and the instructors encourage them to build up their strong points, never changing their style but striving to improve it. Boxing classes by competent instructors are held daily in the three gymnasiums on the field and boxers follow a rigid schedule of conditioning exercises.

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SHEPPARD FIELD BOXING GROWS

PROMISING punchers are the product of regular Monday night boxing shows at the AAF Training Command Station at Sheppard Field, as Jackie Callura will tell you. Callura, former NBA-recognized featherweight champion, came to Sheppard Field as a basic trainee, helped instruct and train young hopefuls and then found he had made a discovery in the person of Pvt. Frankie Shea, dubbed the "Boston Bean" in honor of his home town.

Shea is only one of the prospects to come out of these Monday night exhibitions, an off-duty activity which has proved its top popularity among the Training Command soldiers. Former professionals who appear on the programs include Carmen Notch and Lew Hanbury, but many of the men on the weekly cards never had donned gloves before arriving here.

The boxing sessions are under the supervision of Lt. Leo T. Mahon, assisted by a former collegiate puncher, Staff Sergeant Dick Youngen, and a former semi-pro, Staff Sergeant Carl Magaran.

Callura discovered Shea by the leather route. The Boston Irishman never had entered the squared circle before coming to Sheppard. Tipping the scales at 138 pounds, he won battle after battle. Meanwhile the GI's had been clamoring to see Callura in action, so he issued a challenge.

Shea accepted, and to the surprise of the ringsiders, succeeded in taking a split-hair decision. Interest on the field hit fever pitch. Callura issued another challenge and Shea eagerly accepted.

Their second engagement still is being discussed. With Jack Frost, formerly of the pro wrestling ring, as the third man in the party, the two were battling it out on close terms, and the bout could have gone either way. Then came a decision disqualifying Callura for blows which were ruled low. Some of the fans complained, but Shea received credit for a three-round victory.

After their second bout, Callura and Shea became fast friends. The pro took the young Irishman under his care, worked out with him and gave him instructions, incidentally gaining much admiration from the GI's for his sportsmanship. Shea has moved on to another Training Command post, but he will be remembered here as a likely prospect.

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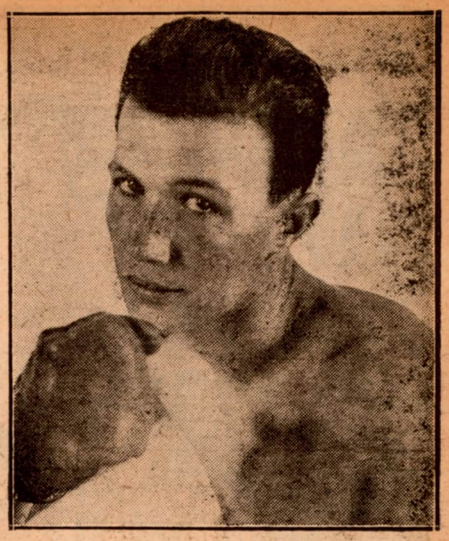
THE field boxing program does not place any particular emphasis on individuals, but there have been several other soldier-boxers who have aroused the interest of the GI fans. Joe Passo, an 18-year-old, fighting at 126 pounds, who had won the amateur featherweight title back home in Scranton, Pa., when he was 16, at first attracted little attention. He started twice and won twice. Matched with David Faulk, who hails from Louisiana, he was given little chance, as Faulk had won 11 out of 12 bouts and was well liked.

But Passo displayed a lightning left hook and a heavy uppercut which proved too much for Faulk. Time and again the determined Faulk would walk in and be caught with a left, followed by a right. Since that bout, Passo has won two more bouts and is the field's star in his weight class.

Each week the Physical Training Department awards a golden glove for the best display of fistic courage and ability in the Monday night show. That interested Staff Sergeant Jim West, here for cadet training after overseas duty. And in his first bout he earned the glove with a sensational second round knockout that left the soldier spectators howling for many minutes.

The following Monday, the 185-pound West was matched with another heavyweight who had built up a reputation for a K.O. punch, Pvt. Ray Anders, also a Pittsburgh lad. Anders who weighs 180, found West too cagy. Jabbing with his left, West found the range with what the field has come to know as the "West right." The blow landed and the referee knew it would not be necessary to count.

Monday night boxing has become an institution here at Sheppard Field.



Joe Passo, 126-pounder from Scranton, Pa., with five straight wins, is the most popular scrapper of his class currently participating in the Monday night boxing shows at this AAF Training Command station. Passo, an 18-year-old, was a Scranton amateur champion at the age of 16. (Official Photo USAAF—By AAF Training Command)

Boxing Enthusiasm High

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road work, sparring and shadow boxing. To assure this training the gyms are equipped with the latest boxing facilities. There are plenty of gloves, headgears, mouthpieces, handwraps, striking gloves, heavy sandbags, small speed bags and an abundance of skip-ropes.

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EVERY precaution is taken to avoid having the men at Boca Raton Field suffer injury during preliminary training. Ample supply of equipment expedites the training of the huge classes in which there is a constant turnover due to loss and gain of manpower. Not all of the training is conducted in the gymnasiums, however, for the physical fitness department has seen fit to partake of the beneficial Florida sunshine and construct two outdoor boxing rings which are in constant use.

Preliminary instruction includes stance, fundamental techniques, proper fist, correct way to punch, method of attack and defense. Later they are taught in-fighting and individual styles. The time from their first boxing lesson to the stage where they are capable of making their first public appearance in the ring ranges from one to six weeks, depending on the experience of the man. Then if they prove capable of competing in the base boxing show they are matched for their first appearance.

Careful observation is taken to see that young boxers are not mismatched. This guarantees superior bouts and causes a keen interest and rivalry between the followers of these performers in their closely contested exhibitions.

Another important factor in careful matching is the absence of injury that would normally be sustained as a result of mismatches. The men have been taught to have the utmost confidence in their matchmaker, Sgt. Samuel Potrock, and despite their lack of experience they go into the ring unafraid.

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BOXING INSTRUCTORS primarily responsible for the present boxing setup at Boca Raton Field are Sgt. Potrock, Boston, Mass.; S/Sgt. Ted Marnhout, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Cpl. Louis Berman, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.; Pfc. George Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Cpl. Morris "Knobby" Knobovitz, Bronx, N. Y.; Pvt. Leo Thompson, San Francisco, Calif.; and Cpl. Al Solenkow, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Officers in the background who have worked with the instructors and sometimes acted as referees for the bouts are Capt. Harry I. Clark, director of physical fitness, and former Mississippi Southern athlete; Lt. Ernest E. Rosseau, who attended Springfield College in Massachusetts and managed the boxing team at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, which placed second in the Southeastern Golden Gloves tournament; and Capt. Edward Twardowski, former Central Pennsylvania Golden Glove middleweight and light-heavyweight boxing champion, who was an outstanding athlete at West Chester State Teachers College.

Potrock and Berman are the veterans on the staff in experience. Potrock is the matchmaker for the field and has done an excellent job at sizing up suitable opponents for the young boxing aspirants. Since taking over the assignment there have been less than half a dozen knockouts—technical or otherwise—in seven months. He received his experience from a fling at amateur and professional boxing and four years of continuous reading on boxing styles.

Berman was a professional promoter and boxer for 13 years before entering the Army and once appeared in a Grantland Rice Sportlight, "Swapping Punches." While stationed at Miami Beach, Florida, with the AAF Training Command, he instructed the Beach Guard School and Physical Training N.C.O. school in boxing and judo.

The 35th Special Naval Construction Battalion Boxing Team has among its men the former sixth ranking welterweight champ of the world as listed by THE RING *Magazine, Al Costa, a National Amateur Champ, and a few Golden Gloves Champions, of Camp Endicott, R. I. Bottom row, left to right: A. B. Costa, S2/c, 150 lbs., Woonsocket, R. I.; L. Velardi, S2/c, 135, El Paso, Texas; A. Montez, S2/c, 147, Hollywood, California; W. Haliburda, S2/c, 150, National Amateur Champ and boxing instructor, Detroit, Mich.; C. E. Potevin, S2/c, Burlington, Vt.; J. Munsen, SK3/c, 142, Los Angeles, Cal.*

Top row, left to right: Ens. E. C. Thomas (CEC)V (S) U.S.N.R., Recreation Officer of the 35th Spec. N.C.B., Chestertown, Maryland; R. A. Murrell, Cox, 100, former Golden Glover, Lorain, Ohio; R. I. Boettlin, S2/c, 165, Reading, Pa.; S. C. Zalewski, Cox, 205, Former Golden Glover, Chelsea, Mass.; J. E. Belanger, S2/c, 155, Detroit, Mich., J. E. Peterson, S2/c, 147, Chicago, Ill.; Ens. C. B. Norris (CEC) V (S) U.S.N.R., Recreation Officer of the 35th Spec. N.C.B. and John J. Quintano, CMM, Recreation Chief of the 35th Spec. N.C.B., Yonkers, New York.

Winners of the Navy Gloves championships. Standing, left to right: Val Alvarado, of the Naval Air Station, Ford Island; Billy Miller, of Aiea; Jimmy Freeman of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel; Don Marshall of the Submarine Base; Jack Cloward of Ford Island. Seated: Joe Brown, of Ford Island, and Rivers Mitchell, Aiea. — Official U. S. Navy photo.

The Fighting Leathernecks

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MARINE PRIVATE PAUL G. BISHOP, former Golden Gloves finalist, who lost to Leroy Jackson at Boston in 1942, has recently won his 11th consecutive bout in the Central Pacific Area all-service classic. The eighteen-year-old Albany, N. Y., Marine has an impressive string of victories to his credit in the service as well as in civilian life.

Bishop is a former student of Hackett High School.

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Lieutenant Ralph W. Engelmeier of Pittsburgh, Pa., is in charge of all matches.

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IT was an all-Philadelphia reunion recently when a Marine, a sailor, and a civilian came together in a chance encounter at the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base.

The three are Marine Staff Sergeant Lou Fortuna, former top-flight lightweight and welterweight boxer; Jim Londos, the Golden Greek of wrestling fame, and Ben Cohen, of the Navy, who used to throw gloves as a middleweight under the nom-de-guerre of Bobby Kearn.

Fortuna and Cohen both claim the City of Brotherly Love as their home, while the big, handsome Greek, now a resident of California, fondly recalls he won the world's heavyweight wrestling championship from Dick Shikat in Philadelphia in 1930.

Appropriately, the meeting of the three occurred during a boxing program staged for the benefit of Camp Pendleton Marines. Londos, whose over-size torso (i.e. 18¾-inch collar) would drive any quartermaster crazy, was on hand to put on an exhibition of his wrestling skill.

Staff Sergeant Fortuna, who attended South Philadelphia High School, battered his way through 110 professional fights in two weight divisions from 1933 until he joined the Corps in February, 1942. During those nine years he met many of the ring's leading boxers in eastern circles. In 1940 he tackled Freddie Cochrane, welterweight champion now serving in the Navy, in a bout in Meadowbrook Bowl, Newark, N. J. The Marine dropped the verdict, but gave Cochrane plenty to worry about before being declared the loser.

At the peak of his career in 1941, Sergeant Fortuna was matched with Marty Servo in the semi-windup of the Lew Jenkins-Bob Montgomery feature in Shibe Park, Philadelphia. The Leatherneck was outpointed by Servo in ten rounds.

Fortuna, now 27, received his basic training at Parris Island, and was stationed at New River before coming to Camp Pendleton. He suffered a mishap during maneuvers while with the Fourth Marine Division here last year, and had to have three ribs in his left side shortened. Fully recovered, Fortuna recently headed across the Pacific to pit his five-foot-five-inch 145-pound frame against the Japs.

Sailor Cohen was graduated in 1935 from Forman Southern High School (Philadelphia) where he played halfback on the football team for three years. He attended Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania, also playing on the gridiron team there.

After two years of amateur boxing, Cohen turned professional and fought 36 bouts against top-flight contenders during the next three years (1937-1939). He is a former stablemate of Ken Overlin, middleweight champion, and George Abrams, who were managed by Chris Dundee.

Cohen was one of the first instructors in Lieutenant Commander Gene Tunney's physical training program at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, where he worked with Steve Belloise, George Abrams, Al Nettlow and other leading boxers.

Cohen's present assignment is athletic and boxing instructor at the Amphibian Tractor School, adjoining Camp Pendleton.

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Marine Corporal Gabriel Fedele, from Utica, N. Y., is one of the featured boxers on the weekly out-door camp shows at Camp Pendleton. A former overseas boxing champion with the First Division, Cpl. Fedele is one of the finest leather tossers in this huge training camp.

In a recent appearance he met Pfc. Tony Castro, 155, San Francisco, in what was hailed as a gigantic crowd pleaser by the hundreds of Leatherneck fans.

Cpl. Fedele also is well known to fight fans in and around Utica, having won the welter title in the 1939 Golden Gloves tournament there. He appeared in numerous amateur bouts before entering the Marine Corps and continued after being in the service.

He boxed in several service shows in Australia and won the welter title in New Guinea. He was a Marine infantryman, his outfit receiving a Presidential Unit Citation for its part in the Pacific war.

Boxing is one of the leading sports at Camp Pendleton, and it is expected that many future champs, possibly Cpl. Fedele, may emerge in the post-war era.

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From Staff Sergeant Stanford Opotowsky comes the following:

Chunky Marine Private First Class Francisco (Pancho) de la Cruz of Los Angeles, Calif., started banging his way towards another Second Marine Division heavyweight boxing championship when he scored a clean knockout in the third round of his debut in the new division fistic tourney. The G.I. "Tony Galento," who turns in some amazing footwork considering his 220 pounds, looked like he was in for a little trouble in the first round. But in the second he clouted his opponent to the canvas for a nine-count, and floored him twice again in the final heat. The knockout was achieved after one minute 25 seconds of the final round.

From appearances, de la Cruz should be a side-of-a-barn type target for any fast man. But he is just shifty enough to keep out of the way of kayo punches. He swings fast, and when he connects, the impact is felt throughout the arena. De la Cruz whizzed his way to the Second Division title in Hawaii after the battle of Tarawa. Then came Saipan and Tinian, and the huge Leatherneck was in the thick of it with his infantry buddies.

Now the battle is over, and there's a new boxing tourney under way.

Even at this early date, de la Cruz looks like he has that divisional heavyweight crown sitting on his dome.

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IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

"WHAT goes here?" That's what California boxing fans are asking after witnessing four different "no contests" in the past month. In last month's column I described the Cocoa Kid-Oakland Billy Smith fracas so we won't go through that again, but now three more fights of that variety have come up, one in Oakland, between Freddy Dixson and Cecil Hudson. The commission has found Hudson and Cocoa Kid guilty. Both will receive six months' suspensions and forfeit of their purse.

Two other scraps down South ended in "no contests." They were between J. D. Turner and Pete Lakovich, with the latter accused of not trying to win. Mike Delia was accused of not putting forth his best efforts against Cleo Shans at Hollywood.

Have the gamblers a firm hand on boxing in this state?

Asserting that Cecil Hudson was not trying to fight, Referee Billy Burke halted the affair between Hudson, a Los Angeles lad, and Freddy Dixson of Arizona, in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-rounder at the Oakland Auditorium. Hudson was floored twice at the outset of round six, but Burke refused to count on the second knockdown and while Hudson lay stretched out in mid-ring, the referee over the P. A. informed the fans he didn't think the boxer was knocked out. As Burke was speaking, one of Hudson's seconds rushed forth with the claim that Hudson had received a broken jaw, but after an examination, the commission doctor said nothing was wrong with the jaw.

Burke ordered both boys to resume fighting. A few seconds later Cecil went down again. He jumped up immediately and again he went down. This time the referee halted the match.

Again over the P. A. system Burke said he called it a "no contest" because Hudson wasn't trying. He also said that Hudson's purse would be held, but Dixson, who was doing his best, would get his full pay. Hudson usually stands up well under a punch but on this occasion he proved otherwise. The betting favored Dixson 1 to 2.

Prelims—Leroy Bolden, 169, easily defeated silent Leroy Pate, 168, six rounds.

Referee Jimmy Duffy gave Charlie Catos, 162, an undeserved decision over Willie Butler, 160, six rounds.

Bobby Silva, 156, won over Henderson Howard, 161, in a fast four-rounder.

Irish Johnny Taylor, 155, Oakland, scored a technical knockout over Verne Patterson, 150, in the tenth and final round at San Jose. Taylor scored two knockdowns, one in the ninth and one in the tenth, before Referee Billy Burke stopped the fight.

In the semi-final, Pedro Jiminez, 152, and Eddie Halligan, 154, fought to a draw. Tony Chavez, 141, won over Gene Thomas, 147, four rounds. Jimmy Lester, 147, stopped Jack Lister, 148, two rounds.

Ray Salas, young Berkeley lightweight, scored a technical knockout victory over Mike Belloise, ex-featherweight champion, in the eighth round at the Oakland Auditorium. Salas piled up a good margin in the first seven rounds, but was unable to down Belloise because of the latter's continuous clinching. At the outset of the eighth, Ray landed a hard left hook to the body and a right to the jaw, which sent the ex-champ into the ropes. Another right cross landed flush on the jaw sending him to the canvas where part of his body lay on the ring apron.

From there he fell in the press row. Referee Jimmy Evans gave him twenty seconds to return inside the square ropes. He made it in seventeen. Salas landed a right, putting Belloise down for an eight-count. After Belloise regained his feet Salas went to it again, but this time Referee Evans wisely stopped it.

Salas scaled 136, Belloise, 137.

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In the semi-final, Manuel Sierra, Cuban lightweight, was credited with a TKO over Don Wixson, previously unbeaten Oakland boy, in the sixth round of an eight-rounder.

Sierra was winning all the way. In the fifth he connected a hard right to the jaw spilling Wixson. The bell was the only thing that saved Don from a kayo in the fifth. The Cuban landed at will in the sixth, until Referee Jimmy Duffy halted the affair. Weights were Wixson, 139, Sierra, 137½.

Fans booed Duffy's verdict of a draw between LeRoy Wade, 160, and Hannan Portor, 160. In the opener, Young Wesley Ketchel, 140, easily stopped Jimmy Lester, 142, in two.

Jay D. Turner, 223, Dallas, Texas, won a ten-round decision over Al Ware, 220, Oakland, in the main event at San Jose's Civic Auditorium. There were no knockdowns. Turner won eight rounds, Ware two.

In a fast, furious fight at the Oakland Auditorium, Chester Slider, Fresno welter, won a decision over Soldier Al Coutoure in ten rounds. It turned out to be one of the greatest scraps of the current season, because of twelve knockouts scored.

Al started the knockdown party in the second. He connected a right to the body spilling the Fresnoan for a no count. Coutoure scored another knockdown from the same punch. Slider evened matters by decking his soldier foe for nine counts in the third round.

With the customers yelling their heads off, Coutoure clipped Slider with a terrific right to the jaw, but the latter caught Al napping and landed a right to the body flooring him as the bell ended the fourth.

Slider was down in the fifth from a short left hook, but regained his feet without a count. Again in the sixth Chet was down and again without taking a count. They went through the seventh without a knockdown (really!).

Slider had a big eighth round scoring two knockdowns from rights to the midsection, but the soldier came back and floored his opponent with a left hook, just when it looked like Slider would win by a kayo.

The Fresnoan won the ninth by scoring two knockdowns over his very tired foe. The tenth was another furious heat, but both managed to remain upright, Slider winning the round.

The customers who paid $4,026.63 agreed it was the greatest battle in this sector last year. It was Coutoure's first big main-event. Both scaled 147.

In the semi-final, Tommy Egan, 150, San Francisco, repeated a victory over Lincoln Stanley, 147, six rounds. Leroy Bolden, 171, won a tough fought decision over LeRoy Wade, 164, six rounds. "Smiley" Burnett, 176, defeated Pete McCarthy, 172. In the curtain raiser, Henderson Howard, 159, knocked out Vance Kagle, 167, in the first.

The annual Golden Gloves tournament was held in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium on November 27, December 1, 4, and 8. As usual there were many fast, furious scraps and plenty of upsets. The finals held December 8 drew a record crowd and the fans enjoyed all sixteen bouts. The tournament was again sponsored by "The Examiner" and ably handled by Eddie Muller.

Here are the results of the final night bouts:

SENIOR CLASS—Al Ortez (St. Aloysius Boys' Town) decisioned Joe Gallordo (Walker Club). 118 Pounds—Dave Martinez (Salinas A.C.) decisioned Don Peterson (L.A. Youngs). 126 Pounds—Richie Sequiera (L.A. Youngs) decisioned Phil Alvarado (Salinas A.C.). 135 Pounds—Johnny Gonzalves (L.A. Youngs) decisioned Joe Flores (St. Aloysius Boys' Town).

147 Pounds—Jesse Flores (St. Aloysius Boys' Town) K.O.'d George Costa (Modesto Moose) one. 160 Pounds—Larry Carter (Hillside A.C.) decisioned Monroe Jones (Seaside A.C.). 175 Pounds—Richard Baker (Hillside A.C.) decisioned Delaware Bradby (Mather Fld.). Heavyweight—Eddy Sims (Camp Beale) decisioned Julius Guinyard (unattached).

NOVICE CLASS—112 Pounds—Joe Duran (St. Aloysius Boys' Town) T.K.O.'d Bobby Morgan (Modesto Moose) third round. 118 Pounds—Petie Costa (Visalia A.C.) decisioned Frank Amorin (Camp McQuaide). 126 Pounds—Jesse Brown (Yosemite Club) K.O.'d Ralph Garcia (Modesto Moose Club) one. 135 Pounds—George Egan (Newman Gym) decisioned Wallace VanderVeer (Camp McQuaide). 147 Pounds—Hank Cervantes (Visalia A.C.) decisioned Robert Russell (Hillside A.C.). 160 Pounds—Versel Watson (Hillside A.C.) decisioned Walter Scott (Hamilton Fld.). 175 Pounds—Grant Butcher (Candlestick Cove) K.O.'d Percy Butler (South Gate Rec.) second. Heavyweight—Frank Berrios (Hamilton Fld.) decisioned Eddie Draughn (unattached).

Tim Heffernan, local Irish heavyweight, received a "Christmas Gift" from Referee Billy Burke, when the latter handed him a decision in ten rounds over Hal Blackshear in the battle at National Hall. In my opinion Blackshear won six rounds, Heffernan four, Hal, who by far is the harder puncher, gave Tim a cut over both eyes. The Irish lad finished strong, but didn't deserve the verdict he received.

Blackshear weighed 202, Heffernan, 189.

Jimmy Collins, Irish welter, returned to the ring after a six months' layoff to knock out Al Spencer, 145, Negro, in four rounds.

Referee Burke blew another in giving Smiley Burnett, 180, a draw with Al Sheridan, 176-pound Negro, in four rounds. Cleve Kelley, Negro, 161, T.K.O.'d Art Robison, 160, in four rounds.

Joe Carter, Rome, N. Y. middleweight, easily defeated Aaron "Little Tiger" Wade, in ten rounds at the Civic Auditorium. Little Tiger was nicely tamed by the New Yorker, who romped home with the final seven heats.

Wade, a terrific slugger, hurt Carter twice, once in the second with a left hook and again in the third with a looping right to the chin. Other than this it was Carter jolting and jabbing. The bull-necked Wade clinched throughout the fight.

House Gross—$8,974.25.

Wade weighed 158, Carter 157. Toby Irwin was referee.

The semi-final ten-rounder went to Jackie Ryan, 150, San Francisco Irisher, over Lincoln Stanley, 147, Oakland Negro, by a decision. Ryan is coming along nicely and beat Stanley without too much trouble. It was a sub bout. No knockdowns were scored.

Cpl. Mereld Tidwell, 146, stopped Al Evans, 149, Minnesota, in the fifth of a six-rounder. Tidwell, home on furlough, found the newcomer an easy target. Bobby Irish, 152, suffered a cut eye unintentionally and Referee Bobby Andrews halted his bout with Al Douglas, 142, and called it a draw.

Chester Slider, Fresno welter, won a disputed ten-round decision over Paul Lewis, Oakland favorite, in a slashing main-event at the Oakland Auditorium.

Referee Jimmy Evans gave Slider the duke on strength of his last round flurry. Up to that time Lewis had an edge. Slider forced the fight throughout but bled from counter blows. It was an action scrap all the way and mainly in the third when both stood toe to toe and exchanged punches. Again in the fifth, sixth, and eighth rounds the boys slugged it out.

Weights were, Lewis, 158, Slider, 149.

House Gross $4,835.

In the semi-windup, Al Sheridan, 181, won by a knockout over Al Ware, 220-pound Oaklander who reminds one of Tony Galento, in the sixth and final round. Sheridan won all the way against his out-of-shape foe.

LeRoy Wade, 164, stopped Willie Butler, 159, after the third round. John Coleman of the State Athletic Commission would not permit Butler to continue after inspecting his eye. Alonzo McDonald, 154, flattened Nesto Ramirez, 153, in the second round. Raminez fell through the ropes onto the Radio equipment and P.A. microphone.

Charlie Catos, 159, Oakland Negro, was the recipient of a gift with a ten-round decision over LeRoy Wade, 161, San Francisco, by Referee Johnny Lotsy at National Hall on December 2. It was a slugging match from start to finish. Wade dropped Catos near the end of the tenth round and deserved the verdict. The smallest house of the year attended the show. Gross was $718.

In the semi-final Jimmy Collins, 149½, and Mickie Gimmell, 150, fought to a draw. Gimmell was lucky to receive a draw. In the only preliminary bout Pedro Jiminez, 150, and Cy Perkins, Negro, went four rounds to a draw.

SHORT JABS . . . . Following his loss to Ray Salas, Mike Belloise announced his retirement . . . I'd like to take this time to thank everyone for their cards (Christmas) sent me during the past month. . . . Lou Raymond former matchmaker at New Orleans, has taken over at San Jose. Raymond will present his first card in 1945. . . . Dolph Thomas has signed Ted Mojica, Coast Guard heavyweight, to a five-year contract. . . . Tommy Cello has done the same with Willie Brown. . . . Jack Chase, former state middleweight title holder, has won the light heavyweight crown by defeating Watson Jones in the Los Angeles Olympic. . . . Oakland's Irish Johnny Taylor has been scoring impressive victories at San Jose during the past month.

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ring. In the second round Cerdan brought up his big guns and started blasting. Burnley, helpless against the ropes, was hit three times as he went down. But he got up at nine and even though out on his feet, as evident to the 3,500 roaring soldier spectators, punched back and had Cerdan almost stopped with surprise. Cerdan backed him up and battered him down again. The bell intervened, but Burnley was in no condition to come up for the third round. He wanted to, but his handlers refused to let him.

The lad showed a good punch and lots of moxie. A lesser man would have "stood down" after the first time, or gone down sooner, much sooner. Burnley, a line chief with the 99th Fighter Squadron, hadn't the time nor the facilities for the training he needed. Whether he is as good as he showed cannot be decided now. But he has a terrific amount of heart.

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AN interesting sidelight was the percentage of American attendance. More than 21,000 soldier spectators saw the week's card. Of this number 65 percent were British, 35 percent American, with a negligible amount of other Allied Nations present. The chief reason for the lack of American attendance is something that promotors will do well to bear in mind for post war activities. GI's will not stand in line if they can help it. Tommies "queue up" for anything. Yanks after waiting under orders for many Army functions, would rather not go places if it means "sweating out a line."

More than 1,000 fighters entered this Second Annual Allied Boxing Championship Tournament. Fifty Americans, 22 British, 10 Frenchmen, 2 Scotsmen, 1 Canadian and 1 South African reached the finals in Rome where they put on 43 fights. Nine Americans, 2 British, and 5 Frenchmen won the championships.

There were few upsets except in the cases where the not-so-simon-pures met their matches in amateurs with better punches and better conditioning. But the fight game is still the same in or out of the Army. If the boys could, they entered as amateurs and showed themselves up when they slipped punches, rolled and hit with the elbows and thumbs. Still, officials did their best, the boys put on a good show and the spectators had a good time.

Trouncing a "League of Nations" of opponents, which included an Englishman, an Italian and an American, Murray T. "Sugar" Cain, New York professional boxer, slugged his way to the Lightweight Professional Championship of the Tyrrhenian Zone of Italy in the military Allied Boxing Tournament held here recently. He represented that zone in the Mediterranean Theater Finals held in Rome.

One-time winner of New York's Diamond Belt competition, Featherweight class, and later an habitue of leading professional New York clubs, the 21-year-old Negro is a veteran of Army competition, having walked away with Lightweight honors in a similar tournament held in Algiers last winter. Even earlier in his Army career, while still a rookie, he easily captured a Featherweight crown.

The New Yorker, from Harlem, first donned the mitts at the age of 14 in Police Athletic League competition. From that time on boxing became his passion. Before entering the service in June, 1942, he fought several bouts at such well-known rings as the Jamaica Arena, the Broadway Arena and St. Nick's. Once in uniform, he was assigned to an Aviation Engineer Unit with which he embarked for foreign service 22 months ago.

In that time he has seen active duty with his airfield building organization in both North Africa and Italy, in the latter country constructing bases for fighter planes providing direct air support to the 5th Army.

Prior to his entry into the recent competition he toured with the Joe Louis exhibition troupe, sparring with Jackie Wilson, NBA welter champ.

Canal Zone Champs

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points earned in proportion to organizational strength, went to the Naval Station team in the Atlantic Sector and to the Marines in the Pacific Sector.

Most popular of the year-round schedule of athletic activities provided by the Special Services Office under the direction of Col. B. B. Millenthal, Union City, N. J., the tourneys attracted crowds ranging from 3,500 to the peak of more than 6,000 for the Department championships. Bouts were held at night in the two Canal Zone baseball league parks to permit the largest possible attendance of troops not on duty. Civilians employed in the Canal Zone and boxing fans from Panama were liberally represented in the attendance.

Proceeds of the two sector championship cards were turned over to the President's National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Business firms in the cities of Colon and Panama donated prizes of robes and telephone calls to the United States for the outstanding boxer, outstanding loser and most popular boxer on each side.

Directors of the tournaments were Maj. James M. Whitmire, Greenville, S. C., Pacific Sector, and Capt. W. J. Klafehn, Rochester, N. Y., Atlantic Sector, both of whom are assistant Department Special Service Officers. Participants were graded in four classes according to relative proficiency and experience at the start of the tournament with winners progressing one class at a time until only Class 1 contenders remained to be matched against each other to decide the 10 sector champions. The finals matched the champions of each sector against each other for the Department titles.

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HEADING the list of ring celebrities connected with the tournament was Sixto Escobar, world's bantam king from 1937 to 1939, who trained the seven boxers from Puerto Rico who took second place in the Pacific Sector tournament. He and his associate trainer, Victor Carattini, who trained ring greats in New York and Jersey, high-lighted each card with their efficient and enthusiastic handling at the ringside.

Coaches of the championship Col. Sweet team of 19 boxers were Pfc. Cliff Kusterbeck, Brooklyn, N. Y., veteran of Madison Square Garden and St. Nick's Arena cards, who dropped out of competition for the heavyweight title when he injured his hand in a bout with Champion Taylor on the second card of the season, and Pvt. John Dragovich, The Bronx, N. Y., 1930 New York Golden Glove competitor in the flyweight, bantamweight, featherweight and lightweight divisions.

S/2c Sam Secreet, Pittsburgh, Pa., middleweight contender, coached the Naval Station team which produced three Atlantic Sector champions, including Doughty, who won the Department light-heavyweight title, and S/1c Ekonomos.

S/Sgt. Orlando (Mickey Greb) Luzzi, Nutley, N. J., who retired in 1939 after meeting Red Cochrane, present world welter champ, Johnny Dundee, Johnny Canzoneri, and other top-notchers, coached the Air Force team into fourth place and won the Department junior lightweight title with Hernandez, a promising boxer with a terrific right.

Among the other celebrities of the squared circle who added to the success of the tournament are Lt. David C. Salazar, Los Angeles, Calif., 1941 junior welter champ of the Honolulu Sector; Cpl. Ralph (Mutt) Morsch, USMC, Cincinnati, O., middleweight, whose coaching brought the Marines the percentage trophy; First Sgt. Johnnie Pepe, AAU welter champ of New York in 1929, who trained the three Atlantic Sector champions from the Coast Artillery, and Cpl. Sammy Rubin, New York City, cousin of Benny Leonard.

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Zivic Is the Fighter of the Month

By THE RING EDITOR. *Substituting for* CPL. MEYER ACKERMAN *now serving with Gen. Patton's Division in France.*

THE fistic sport, as was to be expected, slumped during the Christmas and New Year's holiday, with but few contests staged in the last two weeks of December. But since the start of the New Year, the activity has increased and judging by the number of bouts staged in the first fortnight of January, this year should surpass that of 1944 in the number of contests staged and the number of fighters participating, unless Uncle Sam takes a hand and should grab off the bulk of the boys now appearing, either those awaiting a call to arms or those who have been discharged and under the new work or fight order, will find themselves back in uniform.

The outstanding fight of the period, was that in which Fritzie Zivic made a sensational comeback to stop the winning streak of Billy Arnold. By his performance, Corporal Fritzie got back into fourth position among the welters and proved that he still is good enough to take the measure of the majority of those now parading as headliners in his division.

Melio Bettina, by his victory over George Parks in a tough battle, holds down the Number One post among the heavies. Clayton Worlds and Lee Savold got back into the ten ranking positions.

Archie Moore's fine work in his comeback has earned for him a high spot in the light-heavy section and Sampson Powell has gained the tenth position among the middleweights. Henry Chmielewski, who is doing well in his comeback, holds down fourth post among the middleweights. The month's leading results follow:

Heavyweight bouts follow: Melio Bettina won a tough one from George Parks, 10. Johnny Flynn sprang an upset in licking Joe Maxim, 10.

Carrington McNutt drew with Dan Biggers, 6, kayoed Biggers, 6. Bobby Thompson defeated Nat Hines, 6. Pete Louthis was held to a draw by Sandy McPherson, 5, lost to Wild Bill Lewis, 5, Lewis knocked out McPherson, 3. Rusty Payne returned to the ring and defeated Nolan Sharp, 10, J. D. Turner, 10, then kayoed Sharp, 3. Capt. Steve Ludman defeated Leonard Nix, 4, Ludman lost to Eddie Jackson, 4.

Lee Savold decisioned Gus Dorazio, 10. Johnny Briscoe drew with Ardis Mack, 4. Gunnar Barlund won a close one from Jimmy Carollo, 10, Frank Androff, 10. Tim Heffernan upset Harold Blackshear, 10. Louis Long defeated Frank Androff, 6.

Al Hoosman stopped Herb Narvo, 7. Jack (Buddy) Walker defeated Perk Daniels, 10. Johnny Vorce whipped Gene Simmons, 10. Johnny White pummeled Laurient Bouchard, 10. Jimmy Foster knocked out Billy Winbush, 4.

Arturo Godoy flattened Juan Ulrich, 2. Jackie Saunders whipped Johnny Allen, 6, Allen was whipped by Al Blake, 8. Sgt. Tom Reddington licked Al Robinson, 8. Jimmy Saxton halted Rex Arnold, 1.

Ken Shaw licked Al Delaney, 8. Pvt. Bob Blevins halted Gene Finks, 4, licked Al Sheridan, 8. Stanley Myska knocked out Frankie Perroni, 3. Hubert Hood defeated John Copeland, 5, Colion Chaney, 10. Claude Ellison whipped Johnny Hubbard, 5.

Clayton Worlds upset the highly favored Al Hart, 10. J. D. Turner trounced Al Ware, 10, then engaged in a bout which was declared no-contest with Pete Lakovich. Smiley Burnette de-cisioned Charley Waters, 4. Henry Jones whipped Earl Lowman, 10.

Johnny Flanagan knocked out Jack Talmer, Don Card stopped Johnny Melko, 5. Billy Gilbe halted Lloyd Michigan, 3. Johnny Sullivan de-feated Jerry Brown, 8. Norman Rawes defeate Hugh Walker, 6.

Here is how the Light-heavyweights fare: Walter "Popeye" Woods knocked out Sgt. Ell Stewart, 7. Billy Grant stiffened the highly touted Roberto Ramirez, 7, Walter Thomas, 1. Charle Mobley whipped Jim Gray, 12. Jack Johnson de-cisioned Young Frisco, 12, Jack McNamee, Jimmy (Shamus) O'Brien easily defeated Charle Eagle, 10, stopped Billy Nitchy, 6. Bert Gilm whipped Jim Berry, 8.

Leroy Bolden defeated LeRoy Wade, 6. Le Pate, 6. Smiley Burnette whipped Pete McCarth 4, drew with Al Sheridan, 4, Sheridan stopped A Ware, 6. Jim O'Neal decisioned Norm Lang, Walter Smith stopped Paxton Daxis, 1. Ed Washington licked P. G. Carson, 8.

Francis Ogg drew with Billy Metcalfe, 1 (Me calfe's eye cut). Ray Acosta knocked out Ar Haynesworth, 4, lost to Roy Miller, 10. Bill Lis whipped Bob Hawkins, 4, halted Bilboa Smith, Willie Jones whipped Johnny Taylor, 4. Frank Genovese flattened Al Barbour, 2.

Harry Wills stopped Tommy Anderson, 3, lo to Bill Lisoni, 4. Jerry Berthiaume put aw Jimmy Ruzzo, 1. Archie Moore upset Nate Bolde 10, Bolden kayoed Jackie Charles, 6. Ross Stri land defeated Howard Bennett, 6. Speedy Willia whipped Bobby Clark, 4.

Johnny Clark knocked out Archie Coles, Warren Jones, 5, Al Stephany, 3, drew w Jimmy Bell, 6. Russell Metcalfe halted Bill Smith, 2. Jimmy Mulligan knocked out Tiger L Jones, 4. Jones lost to Vince Pimpinella, 8. Pi pinella whipped Gus Alexander, 8.

Ted Lowry whipped Jimmy Reed, 10. Jack Ma licked Dave Sands, 12. Ernie Pope knocked o Joe Green, 1, defeated Jimmy Brown, 4. Sgt. Hu Postaway drew with Vecie Van, 6. Al Bro whipped Leonard Nix, 4.

Fitzie Fitzpatrick blasted out Gregorio Gonza 1. Hubert Hood finished even with Art McWh ter, 6. Teddy Randolph licked heavyweight John White, 10.

Mario Griffin defeated Norman Hawes, 6. J Kramer halted Jack Bailey, 2. Billy Smith b Jack Chase, 10. Clent Conway stopped Tee Hub 5. Howard Fenske knocked out Al Patterson, Leon Szymurski flattened Stanley Lewis, 2, th the next day licked Steve Brogan, 6, Brogan (u der the name of Kish) lost to Vince Gigante,

Danny Devlin trounced Tony Gillo, 6. Jim Nelson again licked Joe Reddick, 10. Jimmy Ru halted James Holmes, 3. Paul Frazier defea Bud Hershey, 5. Ira Hughes licked Tom Woodward, 10.

Joe Carter trounced Aaron (Little Tiger) Wa 10, then held Holman Williams to a draw, Jack Chase won the Light-heavyweight Champi ship of California in defeating Watson Jones, Henry Chmielewski knocked out Bob Wade, defeated Bert Lytell, 10, two days later Ly stopped Henry Jordan, 4, and previously he kay Johnny Brown, 8.

Lee Robinson won from Jimmy Morrow, Bobby Giles stopped Danny Devlin, 3. Ed Saunders halted Steve Kish, 3, Neal Stokes, defeated Willis Scott, 4, stopped Vic Belanger.

Willis Scott flattened Bobby Dance, 4, defea Jimmy Taylor, 6, kayoed Johnny Zawalski, Indian Gomez drew with Jerry Fiorello, 10, th whipped Fiorello in 8. Gomez was knocked out Sampson Powell, 3. Powell licked Kid Tunero, Henderson Howard stopped Dance Kagle, 1. to Bobby Silva, 4.

Max Cameron finished Bobby Clarke, 6, defea Hockey Bennell, 12. Gordon Smith halted Jarvis, 2. Lou Hillier drew with Bob Turner, George Elliott whipped Cliff Bowen, 12. Bus Hardy flattened Bobby Zollo, 1.

Ossie (Bulldog) Harris trounced Lou Schwar 8, drew with Bee Bee Washington, 9, lost Johnny Finazzo, 10. Rudy Richardson took care Frankie Jamison, 8. Jamison lost to Wa Powell, 6. Pete De Ruzza broke even with J. Wilkins, 8. Wilkins defeated Bobby Brown, Bobby Brown halted Ralph Tiovelli, 3, drew w Coolidge Miller, 8.

Cosmo Ruggiero put away Neal Stokes, 2. Pinnel stopped Johnny Parr, 5, Tony Petro, Johnny Marra, 5, whipped Ernie Dundee, Bobby Snow, 6, drew with Tony Soava, 6. Er Dundee stopped Johnny Mara, 2. Tony Pe licked Whitey Cozy, 6. Buddy Brown defea Baudelio Valencia, 8, lost to Saint Paul, 8.

Wilfe Shanks stopped Joe E. Carter, 5, defea Sidney Miller, 10. Titus Hawkins knocked Nate Gibson, 3. Gibson defeated Bob Hawkins Hawkins drew with Sidney Franklin, 4. Wi Collins whipped Jorge Rodriguez, 4, drew w Alonzo Williams, 4. Williams defeated Al W liams, 4. Al Williams whipped Frankie Valdez

Art Santelli licked Frankie Valdez, 4, lost Al Williams, 4. Russ Long won from Doll Nel 4. Roy Miller stopped Roman Starr, 6. Sid

"THE RING'S" RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending January 10, 1945

Fighters who hitherto have been rated but are now in the armed forces and have become inactive, have been removed until such time as they resume boxing. When those removed are again active, they will receive the recognition previously granted to them. Only active fighters, service men and civilians, will be rated monthly. In our ratings the position of champions now in the service is frozen for the duration.

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion *Joe Louis U. S. Army	World's Champion *Gus Lesnevich U. S. Coast Guard	World's Champion *Tony Zale U. S. Navy	World's Champion *Freddie Cochrane U. S. Navy
1—Melio Bettina	Lloyd Marshall	Holman Williams	Ray Robinson
2—Lee Oma	Jack Johnson	Jake LaMotta	Henry Armstrong
3—Joe Baksi	Bruce Woodcock	Joe Carter	Johnny Greco
4—Curtis Shepard	Fitzie Fitzpatrick	Henry Chmielewski	Fritzie Zivic
5—Lee Q. Murray	Walter Woods	Vince Hawkins	Jimmy McDaniels
6—Buddy Walker	Billy Grant	Jack Chase	Harold Green
7—Clayton Worlds	Freddie Mills	Charley Burley	Tommy Bell
8—Tami Mauriello	Archie Moore	Jose Basora	Bee Bee Wright
9—Elmer Ray	Jimmy Shamus O'Brien	Vic Dellicurti	Billy Arnold
10—Freddie Schott	Alabama Kid	Sampson Powell	Tippy Larkin

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion International Title Vacant	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Jackie Paterson
1—Beau Jack	Sal Bartola (N.B.A. Champion)	Tony Olivera	Joe Curran
2—Bob Montgomery (N.B.A. Champion)	Phil Terranova	Sammy Reynolds	Norman Lewis
3—Bobby Ruffin	Al Phillips	Chico Rosa	Dado Marino
4—Ike Williams	Willie Roache	Carlos Chavez	Tommy Burney
5—Juan Zurita	Chalky Wright	Luis Castillo	George Parkes
6—Willie Joyce	Charley Cabey Lewis	Rush Dalma	Alec Murphy
7—Johnny Thomas	Enrique Bolanos	David Kui Kong Young	Stumpy Butwell
8—Vic Patrick	Young Finnegan	Eli Golindo	Tommy Plowright
9—Ronnie James	Jackie Wilson	Ceferino Robleto	Hugh Cameron
10—Danny Bartfield	Danny Webb	Johnny Wolgast	Johnny Summers

* Indicates title frozen for duration of the war—in war service.

Franklin halted Mickey Hearn, 2. Joe Blackwood whipped Seavy Williams, 4, stopped Buddy Johnson, 1, defeated Jimmy Taylor, 6.

John Finney knocked out Leo LeGarde, 5, lost to Georgie Miller, 6. Caesar Ferro whipped Ned Thomas, 4, repeated in 5. Danny McMillan defeated Frankie Wills, 10. Bradley Lewis finished even with Booker Robinson, 6.

Jay Paganelli licked Steve Brogan, 4. Brogan lost to Leon Szymurski, 6. Casimir Sugalski whipped Clarence Saunders, 4, Saunders drew with Johnny Bolden, 4. Al Williams defeated Jackie Cooper, 4. Jack Hobbs stopped Roy Bell, 5. Ron Stewart licked Jerry Dwyer, 4.

Jack Patton defeated Bob Conley, 4, drew with Joe Conforto, 6. Buddy Rose knocked out Paul Frazier, 5, licked Collins Brown, 8, lost to Curly Denton, 5, stopped James Wilson, 1.

Davey Feld trimmed Walter Cunningham, 6, Dave Carver, 6. Cliff Beckett stopped Clyde Miller, 2. Zach Robinson knocked out Frankie Rose, 2. Danny Aldridge upset Jerry LaStarza, 8.

Rebel Ryan whipped Larry Martin, 4. Cleve Kelly halted Art Robinson, 4. Joey Edwards licked Tony Petro, 6. Fred Bailey knocked out Woody Green, 3. Leon Zorrita decisioned Vincent Villavicencio, 10.

Paul Coley stopped Billy Chaput, 3. Chaput was knocked out by Frankie Ace Wallace, 2. Wallace stopped Texas Kid, 1, Jack Riley, 1. Speedy Williams licked Bobby Clark, 4. G. I. Jones halted Peter Reyes, 2. Bert Hylund accounted for Jack Taylor, 8.

Tommy Davies whipped Johnny Clements, 10. Joe Albanese defeated Charlie Bachofen, 6. Tony Brush decisioned Art Brown, 4. Charley Catos won over LeRoy Wade, 10, Willie Butler, 6, Jackie Ryan accounted for LeRoy Wade, 10. Van McNutt scored a knockout over Joe Reddick, 2.

Coolidge Miller halted Charlie Jones, 4, Gene Pinter, 6. Jones won from James Polk, 6. LeRoy Wade stopped Willie Butler, 3. Alonzo McDonald knocked out Ernesto Ramirez, 2. Mike Sopko halted Jimmy Wilson, 2. Wilson stopped Chuck Swango, 1, licked James (Tiger) Kiggans, 4.

Jack Burns defeated Jack Kirkham, 6. Gordon Smith whipped Jack Shaw, 4. Whitey Forcey stopped Kid Lacey, 3. Neal Stokes whipped Jerry McGee, 4. Lou Angelucci decisioned Mike Sopko, 8.

Sgt. Gaston Miller knocked out Lane Hale, 5. Lou Miller defeated Sandy Mack, 6. Mack kayoed Miller, 5. Henry (Kid) Robinson stopped Walter (Speedy) DuVall, 2. Roland Hopp defeated Charley (Young) Webb, 5, Mike Sopko, 6. Mike McKessick stopped Frank Gaffney, 3, again in 1.

Curly Denton whipped Buddy Rose, 5. Arnold Deer, 6. Brown Bomber stopped Billy Perry, 2. Charley Padalino halted Perry Mason, 2. Bill Simmons knocked out Ray Nolan, 1. Ellis Stewart decisioned Howard Bennett, 8. Speedy Cannon drew with Alonzo McDonald, 6. Mickey Pease drew with Leo Turner, 10. Casimir Sagalski defeated Howard Settles, 4.

Here are the Welterweight bouts: Fritzie Zivic took Kid Azteca in 10 and beat Billy Arnold in 8. Billy Arnold was held to a draw by Middleweight Johnny Finazzo, 8. Arnold knocked out Johnny Jones, 4. Ray Robinson rocked Sheik Rangel to sleep in 2, Georgie Martin, 7, Billy Furrone, 2. Johnny Greco was held to a draw by Bobby Ruffin in a torrid ten-round bout. Tommy Bell decisively whipped Chuck Hunter, 10. Harold Green repeated a previous win over Rocky Graziano, 10.

Tommy Gargano finished Carl Olsen, 1, licked Jimmy Davis, 6, kayoed Walter Stanbach, 2. Gargano was defeated by Jimmy Isler, 6, Isler stopped Billy Alvarez, 4. Isler was stopped by Billy Nixon, 1. Joe Legon knocked out Julio Pedroso, 6 (defense of Cuban Welterweight Title). Clem Fitzpatrick decisioned Johnny Bolden, 4.

George (Sugar) Costner flattened Tommy James, 2, Jimmy Hunt, 1. Verne Patterson halted Chito Hernandez, 9. Patterson lost to Johnny Taylor, 10. Foots Jackson drew with Lee Datts, 6.

Pat Giordano whipped Whitey Cozy, 6, Benny Cartegena, 8, stopped Jackie Connors, 7. Connors lost to Artie Tedesco, 8. Cartegena repeated a previous win over George Johnson, 6. Georgie Williams licked Bobby Winters, 6. Williams was beaten by Foots Jackson, 6. Winters lost to Billy Nixon, 6.

Sgt. Mareld Tidwell stopped Al Evans, 5. Tommy Egan eked out a win over Lincoln Stanley, 6. Stanley lost to Jackie Ryan, 10. Laurie Peterson defeated Jack Daniels, 12 (twice). Jimmie Dundee halted Les Hardy, 5, defeated Ron Warner, 12. Lance Geyer drew with Ray Dunn, 10. Dunn kayoed Doug Bensch, 5.

Laurie Barron stopped Keith Johnson, 4. Kev McCarthy whipped Frank Kennedy, 8. Ice Cream Williams defeated Billy Holmes, 4, drew with Holmes, 4. Leon Kennedy pummelled Pete Martin, 6. Martin was stopped by Burl Charity, 3. Charity halted Art Shepherd, 5.

Charley Howard went to a draw with Jim Kennedy, 4. Kennedy defeated Howard in a return go, 4. Annunzio Ferrara finished even with Chris Adcock, 6, defeated Jimmy Mills, 6. Adcock halted Johnny Guarino, 5. Adcock licked Pete Martin, 6. Ferrara whipped Maurice Lavigne, 6. Lavigne beat Adcock, 6, Jackie Connors, 6. Jimmy Mills defeated Teddy Green, 8. Green drew with Ferrara, 6.

Joe Curcio flattened Oscar Suggs, 2. Suggs lost to Henry Jordan, 8. Joey Gambaro upset the highly favored Mario Miscelli, 10. Jimmy Mills, 6. Ray Powell successfully defended his Hawaiian welterweight title by whipping Al Calderon, 8. George Souza made his pro debut and licked Clarence Garrett, 4. Sambo fought a draw with Tiger Fox, 4.

Joey Yarosz stopped Ralph Marion, 5. Don Anderson decisioned Jimmy Taylor, 6. Joey De John again licked Jimmy Davis, 6, drew with Davis, 4. Jimmy Mills whipped Burl Charity, 6.

Freddie Dixon-Cecil Hudson bout ruled no-contest in the 6th round. Johnny Asay stopped Johnny Lambert, 1. Bernie Miller halted Henry Monell, 2, defeated Lee Jones, 6, Oscar Suggs, 6. Bozo Costantino flattened Willie Johnston, 2, Sig Stevens, 1.

O'Neill Bell won from Charley Parham, 8, Johnny Eaton, 8. Parham flattened Tommy James, 6. Antonio Fernandez looked good in winning over Hankin Barrows, 10. Barrows defeated Young Finnigan, 15. Johnny Monroe stopped George Tousaint, 2, drew with Mel Bartholomew, 6. Sammy Cole won from Johnny Marvin, 4, Kid Ross, 4. Eddie Halligan finished even with Pedro Jiminez, 6. Al Evans defeated Bobby Irish, 4.

Art O'Dowd decisioned Joe Corona, 4. Kid Lester knocked out Jimmy McCrackin, 2. Tiger Hodges stopped Manuel Silva, 4. Silva drew with Chick Musgrove, 3. Tito Despaigne halted Chief Crazy Horse, 8.

Bourbon Murphy flattened Tommy Rivera, 2, lost to Joey Savidan, 4. Ray Parker decisioned Tino Leon, 6. Elmer Lewis drew with Wilfred Scott, 4, kayoed Willie Brown, 4, whipped Tiger Hodges, 4. Gene Bolden whipped Frankie Ross, 8. Bobby Zollo knocked out Tony Gouveia, 3. Gouveia whipped Al Hallie, 6. Jack Samuels defeated Aub Button, 10.

Tom Adams licked Rusty York, 4. Sel Hamilton trounced Wally Burns, 4. George Hill halted Johnny Bo Harris, 5. Jimmy Collins stopped Al Spencer, 2, drew with Mickey Gimmell, 6. Pat Saia won an unpopular duke over Ben Evans, 10.

Steve Riggio returned to the wars to kayo Baudelio Valencia, 2, Dave Carver, 6, lost to Walter LaMarr, 8. Art Towne defeated Baudelio Valencia, 6. Maxie Berger won a close one over Vinnie LaSalva, 8, whipped Ernest "Cat" Robinson, 8, Sheik Rangel, 8, Solomon Stewart, 8. Charley Howley defeated Marvin Trulock, 6. Doug Carter proved too ringwise for Genaro Rojo, 6.

Ernie Forte beat the ancient Saverio Turiello, 6. Roy Maggio drew with Bill Ladner, 4. Catfish Bourgeois whipped Bob Wilson, 4, then was licked by Wilson, 4. Tommy Burns stopped Vic Colteaux, 5.

Mario Miscelli flattened Buster Hardy, 3, lost to Joey Haddad, 8. Joe Falco halted Rocky Jackson, 1. Frankie Fischer whipped Georgie Homan, 4. George Red Doty upset Joe Bennett, 10.

Irving Palefsky won a brawl from Jerry McGee, 6. Leo Romanelli stopped Billy Napper, 3, Jerry McGee, 5. Frankie Jordan halted Jimmy Mazzio, 1. Jordan was kayoed by Kenny Reid, 2. Reid was stopped by Wesley Mouzon, 3. Reid kayoed Jordan, 3. Vic Belanger knocked out George McKinney, 3. Benny Black drew with Wilfred Scott, 4.

Teddy Green decisioned Jimmy Taylor, 6, Doyle Martin defeated Miguel Arroya, 4. Chester Slider won from Paul Lewis, 10. Freddie Archer finished even with Jerry Fiorello, 8. Mike Welch drew with Al Hallie, 6. Al Franklin whipped Jimmy Green, 6.

Stanley Jordan lost to Frankie Abrams, 6. Charley Parham stopped Gene Gudgill, 4. Freddie (Red) Luce defeated Sabas Jamito, 5. Joe Orsatelli whipped George Odwell, 10, lost to Jimmy Molloy, 10.

Dick Shields lost to George Odwell, 8. Jordan Tarone won over Tommy Laughlan, 10. Ralph Zannelli won a close one from Izzy Jannazzo, 10. Buddy Bailey whipped Lew Perez, 6. Howell Steen defeated Louis Rousse, 6. Bill Ladner drew with Pete Marabella, 4. Charley Young stopped Lucky Reed, 3.

Pat Patucci knocked out Johnny Red Fees, 2. Johnny Fry halted Glenn Hall, 2. Steve Nolan whipped Johnny Lewis, 10. Pedro Jiminez drew with Cy Perkins, 4.

Frankie Daniels halted Tommy Dowd, 5, lost to Baby Tiger Flowers, 6. Daniels was stopped by Al Mobley, 3. Jesse Smaw stopped Joe White, 2, licked Sam Carter, 4. Bob Ferris whipped Russ Long, 4, Alonzo Williams, 4.

Rene De Leon defeated Ike Blair, 8. Auriel Coutoure won on a disqualification over Ralph Walton, 7 (kicking). Johnny Moran knocked out Eddie Mann, 2. Bobby Lakin whipped Sidney Miller, 10. Gary Rice defeated Norvel Gaddis, 4.

Smuggy Hersey halted Willie Snead, 1. Tony Chavez licked Gene Thomas, 4. Billy (Chicken) Thompson whipped Charley Howley, 6. Rocky Jackson knocked out Sammy Saunders, 1. Sammy Saunders drew with Dan Robinson, 4. Gene Gudgill whipped Jimmy Sherrer, 8.

Sandy Mack knocked out Dave Junior, 6. Dave Junior stopped Oliver Hamm, 2. Chuck Taylor kayoed Dick Hunt, 7. Jimmy Thompson defeated Thompson Taylor, 4.

Robert Simmons stopped Jimmy Wilson, 2, defeated Bobby Fowler, 6. Roland Gomez halted Al Carter, 1. Johnny Reilly flattened Walter Gomez, 1. Frankie Abrams defeated Vic Costa, 6.

Harold Jamaica Smith won a close one from Ray Rovelli, 8. Johnny Mack whipped Jimmy Taylor, 6. Al Pinnel licked Tom Collins, 8. Collins lost to Bill Bailey, 6. Freddie Veratti halted Joe Talbot, 3. Beverly Carter knocked out Bobby Harrig, 5.

Frankie Fischer stopped Jerry McGee, 3. Baby Sims flattened Johnny Melcher, 7. Eddie Davis whipped Battling Shifty, 6. Will Johnson defeated Benny Black, 4. Benny Williams accounted for Henry Jordan, 6.

Lightweight contests follow: Ike Williams knocked out Dave Castilloux, 5, got even with Willie Joyce, winning a decision in 12. Bobby Ruffin came from behind to draw with Johnny Greco, 10. Maxie Shapiro showed fine form in winning over Vince Dell 'Orto, 10, lost to Juste Fontaine, 10. Danny Bartfield knocked out Dusty Brown, 5, defeated Morris Reif, 10.

Eddie Rice won from Steve Gallan, 4. Gallan kayoed Ernie Koch, 1. Orlando Ferrara drew with Gene Gregory, 6, lost to Pat Scanlon, 6. Bernard Docusen halted the winning streak of Jackie Graves, winning in 6. Sammy Mammone upset Charley Smith, 10, lost in a return go, 10. Mickey Walker beat Jack Lee, 4.

Sal Malazzo knocked out Harry Somerfield, 6. Billy Stevens stopped Lou Kessie, 10. George Pitt whipped Billy Edwards, 4, stopped Jack Willis, 1. Vic Patrick halted Vic Colteaux, 8. Charley (Ace) Howard won a close one from Hubert Winfield, 4, then beat Frankie Rosen, 6, knocked out Dave Butler, 1.

Eugene Burton defeated Jimmy Hatcher, 8, Ralph Walton, 6, Dorsey Lay, 10. Hatcher knocked out Genaro Rojo, 5. Don Ponce drew with Harry James, 4. James licked Ponce in a return, 4. Kid Lewis stopped Ernie Koch, 2, drew with Caswell Harris, 4. Umberto Zavala upset Joey Peralta, 10. Zavala drew with Johnny Williams, 6, and was given the short end of a draw against Monty Pignatore, 8, licked Pignatore in a return go, 10.

Freddie Polowitzer whipped Joe Monty, 6 (twice). Tarzan Cerutta defeated Joey Gilmore, 4, stopped Benny Revere, 1. Arthur Price whipped Eddie Simmons, 4. Joe Andary licked Johnny Varcy, 4, Solly Sanchez, 4. Cedric Flournoy defeated Eddie Prince, 4.

Al Bishop won from Ralph Ferrer, 4, was stopped by Tommy Mills, 5. Gregory Costello licked Rudy Revere, 6. Sal Giglio stopped Johnny Fusco, 2. Giglio was licked by Billy Gould, 4. Young Finnigan licked Kid Bururu, 10.

Jimmy Fox whipped Joe Corona, 4. Ace Miller won from Melvin Bartholomew, 8. Pete Lewis stopped Carl Arabia, 2.

Pepper Hayes halted Willie Rhone, 1. Oscar St. Pierre defeated Jeff Holloway, 10. Jeff drew with Joey Kushner, 8. St. Pierre stopped Joe Celletti, 6, Hubert Winfield, 2. Johnny Red Fees stopped Harry Red Schultz, 4. Frankie Leta defeated Gene Gregory, 8, Clint Miller, 8.

Jimmy McAllister knocked out Tommy King, 3. Bobby Fuller whipped Billy Fletcher, 12. Wally Tournier finished even with Bud Morgan, 4. Kid Young defeated Reg Tozer, 12.

Jack Seaton decisioned Lester Phillips, 10. Joey Savidan upset Bourbon Murphy, 4 (twice). Tim McCarthy knocked out Joey Baker, 1. Al Irwin stopped Walter Halba, 4. Halba defeated Kid Carson, 5, stopped Tommy Graham, 1, drew with Raymond Glenn, 4. Glenn lost to Nick Stenson, 4. Benny Singleton knocked out Santiago Rivera, 5, defeated Corky Davis, 10. Jean Barriere, 10, stopped Johnny Bo Harris, 3.

George Larover stopped Joe Gillis, 2, lost to Phil Palmer, 8. Pedro Firpo licked Mario Colon, 8, lost to Billy Miller, 8. Corky Davis drew with Rocco Progano, 10. Progano lost to Pat Foley, 10. Walter Kahookele stopped Harry James, 2. Eddie Mara, 2. Ray Lewis licked Sabas Jamito, 6.

Al Douglas stopped welterweight Bobby Irish, 3. Eddie Hudson whipped Augie Jiminez, 10, stopped Cleo Shans, 8. Mike Delia-Cleo Shans bout ruled no-decision in 7. Shans kayoed Augie Jiminez, 9. Bob Jennings flattened Young Lee Q. Murray, 3.

Doll Rafferty halted Jerry Darby, 1, Benton Cobbins, 2. Joe Miller whipped Leroy Saunders, 8, stopped Freddie Patterson, 4. Johnny Bratton finished Ted Christie, 2. Tommy Rotolo pulled up even with Bernard Docusen, 6.

Joe Faiello knocked out Chief Red Cloud, 2, Billy Miller accounted for Harry Diduck, 8. Leon Spencer decisioned Abie Kauffman, 8. Tony Pellone licked Gunnar Larson, 6. Eddie Bertilino defeated Joe Nuccio, 4. Billy Hurd drew with Ralph Nieves, 4.

Norman See defeated Al Freda, 10. See was kayoed by Jerry Zullo, 3. Dom Amoroso upset Carmine Fatta, 10, Joey Peralta, 10. Juan Carrero

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight — Sam Williams, Honolulu, T.H.

Light-heavy—Johnny Clark, New London, Conn.

Middleweight—Joe Blackwood, New York.

Welterweight — Major Jones, Kansas City, Mo.

Lightweight — Johnny Bratton, Chicago, Ill.

Featherweight — Augie Lapara, New Orleans, La.

Bantamweight—Andy Hayward, Newark, N. J.

Flyweight—Peter Fallon, Birkenhead, England.

whipped Julian Malavez, 6, Georgie Johnson, 8. Sid Haber again licked Hubert Winfield; 6, Gene Gregory, 4, kayoed Jackie Savino, 3. Jimmy (Sunny) Hampton decisioned Johnny Virgo, 6.

Jimmy Mason flattened Jackie Savino, 2. Jimmy Bo knocked out Tippy Morgan, 2, lost to Bobby Esterita, 4. Leon Evans halted Steve Gallan, 3. Caswell Harris beat Rudolph Brooks, 4. Johnny McManus stopped Johnny Russell, 4.

Walter Halba was flattened by Al Irwin, 4, whipped Nick Stenson, 4, drew with Eddie Simmons, 5, knocked out Tommy Graham, 1, drew with Ray Glenn, 4. Ralph Giffone won from Lou Prince, 4, then was kayoed by Vinnie Melito, 1. Jackie Connolly whipped Bobby Henry, 6. Frankie Gaudes halted Joe Poindexter, 1. Sonny Hill knocked out Abel Lucero, 2. Lucero defeated Torpedo Reed, 6.

Leo Jones won from Kid Tagg, 4. Arbie Bowie decisioned Jesse Glynn, 4. Jimmy Hurst won on a foul from Jack Crossley, 4. Johnny Ward drew with Bobby Ramsay, 8.

Eric Dolby won by the foul route over Ivor Thomas, 6. Harry Grimes knocked out Doug Furey, 6. Cyril Maudsley stopped Joey Smith, 5.

Ronnie James lost on a disqualification to Gwyn Williams, 6 (low blow). Dave Crowley beat P.O. Ben Duffy, 8. Angel Aviles lost to Danny Petro, 10. Phil Palmer whipped Vinnie LaSalva, 8.

Carl Olson defeated Joe Griffo, 6. Leonard Caesar won over Sylvester Williams, 5. Willie Jones stopped Eddie Ezzell, 2, defeated Wilfred Scott, 4. George Johnson flattened Bob Jennings, 1, lost to Benny Cartegena, 6.

Ken Nelson won on a foul from Bob Maloney, 7. Billy Marsden licked Pat Thorley, 10. Jack Cope decisioned Ron Gordon, 8. Armand Michaud again licked Johnny Priest, 6, drew with Joe Murray, 6. Priest lost to Johnny Cool, 6.

Henry Davis accounted for Pat Demers, 10, Joe Celletti, 6. Kid Bururu whipped Young Calcagno, 10. Jimmy Lester halted Jack Lister, 2. Frankie Rubino trounced the Blond Tiger, 8.

Willie Beltram stopped Jerry Darby, 3. Ruby Kessler whipped Jackie Connors, 8. Paul Midiri licked Hubert Winfield, 4. Winfield defeated Ellis Simley, 4. Major Jones halted Eddie Simmons, 1. Jimmy Ainscough defeated Ray Cox, 4. Bobby Yeager decisioned Nick Moran, 10, knocked out Melvin Johnson, 6.

Patsy Spataro proved too strong for Charley Smith, 6. Bob Pooler licked Eddie Polo, 6. Matty Robinson defeated Al Hallie, 4. Johnny Williams whipped Oscar Lewis, 6.

Edgar Poe stopped Don Mentzer, 4. Wesley Mouzon knocked out Kenny Reid, 3. Walter Huston flattened Roosevelt Dancer, 3. Henry Kid Briere kayoed Doug Lester, 2. Briere was stopped by Joe Bellotti, 1. Bellotti kayoed Billy Jackson, 2.

Jack Larrimore drew with Frankie Conti, 10. Lindberg Miller stopped Ruben White, 1. Ralph Walton knocked out Al Freda, 6. Young Tiger Flowers whipped Al Wooster, 6. A. C. Lee whipped Ray Glenn, 4, George Carson, 4. Eddie Carson defeated Jerry Pittro, 4.

Billy Wilson stopped Matty Robinson, 3. George Hill whipped Johnny Fry, 6. Willie Thomas drew with Jesse Watson, 4. Eddie Owens defeated Steve Bellus, 4. Buddy Andrews licked Sammy Stigliano, 6.

Joey Kushner whipped Jerry Darby, 8. Al Gomez stopped Dan Robinson, 4. Julie Bort stopped Washington Thomas, 1, licked Joe Griffo, 6. Pete Perry licked Pat Gelli, 4. Tony Forezzi defeated Billy Commodore, 4, was kayoed by Joey Kushner, 3.

Jack Larrimore halted Frankie Conti, 6. Johnny Cool stopped Yvonne Cote, 5. Vic Pignataro made a comeback and defeated Benny Cartegena, 8. Joey Gatto licked Young Tony, 6.

Vinnie Melito whipped Vincent Calgano, 4. Manuel Sierra defeated Jimmy Joyce, 10. Lou Bernal halted Joey Garcia, 3.

The featherweight bouts: Sal Bartolo defended the N.B.A. featherweight title and trounced Willie Roache, 15. Phil Terranova displayed fine form in stopping Leo Francis, 2. Al Phillips defeated Tommy McGlinchey, 8, stopped Bert Jackson, 2, drew with Syd Worgan, 10. P.O. Ben Duffy scored a clean knockout over Jackie Paterson, 7. Willie Roache trounced Angel Aviles, 10, Santiago Rivera, 10.

Sal Scilabra knocked out Mickey Polo, 1, beat Sal Amoroso, 4. Sal Amoroso turned the tables on Jo Griffo, winning in 6, then whipped Bobby Henry, 6. Sid Knight stopped Reg Launt, 11. Len Young defeated Leo Berry, 6.

Les Fuller whipped Jack Green, 12. Mel Ivy was too good for Ken Williams, 4. Jim Smith licked Joe Moran, 4. Ted Sprouster beat Jimmy Roberts, 10. Nick Stato stopped Marty Pemba, 4.

Buddy Hayes halted Johnny Pavia, 2. Freddie Gilbo, 3. Al Pennino finished even with Gus Mell, 6. Mell stopped Sammy Garcia, 2. Pennino defeated Rocco Progano, 6. Mike Konnors won when Leroy Saunders was thrown out for continued holding, 4 (Konnors winner by T.K.O.). Earl Trader trounced Joey Puig, 8 (twice). Joe Colon whipped Johnny Perry, 4. Earl Mintz knocked out Percy Idlett, 2.

Lou Prince defeated Albert Starling, 6, Vinnie Melito, 4. Bobby Polowitzer licked Jimmy Richard Leon, 6, kayoed Leon, 3. Joe (Sandy) Saddler stopped Young Tony, 2, Earl Mintz, 2, Midget Mayo, 3. Clint Miller trounced Midget Mayo, 6.

Bert White licked Angel Lopez, 6, Art Aragon, 5. Winnie Taitt decisioned Angelo Pallotti, 4. Johnny Juliano defeated Clyde English, 8. English whipped Gregory Costello, 6, knocked out Walter Cabey Lewis, 3. Frankie Gallardo whipped Baby Santiago, 6.

Pete Virgin stopped Willie Alexander, 1, defeated Babe Kelly, 8, kayoed Felix Ramirez, 3. Bobby Smith flattened Jock Leslie, 4, upset Steve Vaccarelli, 8, drew with Pat Demers, 6. Leslie stopped Doug Lester, 5. Lester was stopped by Henry Kid Briere, 2. Frankie Parramore put away Johnny Smaula, 1, Tippy Morgan, 2. Bill Swoboda drew with Frankie Adams, 4.

Gus Rosa whipped Johnny Perry, 4, stopped Duke Valdez, 2. Dave Barrios stopped Pee Wee Swingler, 2. Blond Tiger whipped Tommy Moore, 6, lost to Augie Lapara, 6. Archie Wilmer licked Al Jordan, 6. Charley Riley halted Jimmy Cannon, 2.

Garvey Allen whipped Danny Simmons, 12. Tommy Pauley licked Jackie Allen, 6. Maxie Docusen halted Donald Walker, 1, drew with Don Ackins, 4. Ham Wiloby knocked out Jimmy Allen, 4. Robert Rawls licked Weldon Wyatt, 4. Billy Commodore knocked out Evan Ramos, 5.

Ralph Lara knocked out Manuel Zurita, 3, defeated Bert White, 6. Henry Zamora licked Lou Bernal, 4. Manuel Torres knocked out Jackie Monroe, 2, lost to Sal Scilabra, 4. Joe Robleto knocked out Dave Barrios, 4. Harry Legge defeated Gwyn Davies, 8. Johnny Molloy beat Dennis Chadwick, 8. Norman Hi Ho Silver trounced Marcel Fournier, 10.

Tippy Morgan whipped Baby Artino, 4. Augie Lapara whipped Lew Williams, 6. Leo Robbo halted Lawton, 6. Eddie Miller stopped Tommy Johns, 7. Jimmy McDonald won on a disqualification over Young Melrose, 3. Marion Rhoeten whipped Eddie Carson, 4. Eddie Compo licked Ray Rogers, 4. Kid Fortune licked Baby Hunt, 6. Jackie Graves knocked out Curly St. Angelo, 15 seconds of the 1st round. George De Gidio defeated Stanley Cieslak, 6. Joey Gatto won from Vinnie Melito, 4. Tony Ferry whipped George Butler, 6.

Fidel Aguilar whipped Henry Zamora, 4. Mickey Quack decisioned Chief Red Cloud, 8. Manuel Mayo knocked out Avelino Macedo, 2. Ted Christie whipped A. C. Lee, 6, kayoed Joe Poindexter, 1.

Joey Dolan trounced Kenny Lindsay, 10. Freddie Russo won from Georgie Cooper, 8. Eddie Compo stopped Winnie Taitt, 1. Jackie Wilson defeated Harry Jeffra, 10.

Tippy Tim won from Joey Wasnick, 6. "Stumpy" Saunders licked Bobby Polowitzer, 6. Eddie Reardon defeated Sammy Jackson, 4. Jose Torres trounced Les Guesno, 6.

Results of bantamweight fights: Benny May knocked out Percy Lewis, 2, whipped Johnny Rodriguez, 4, halted Tommy Jones, 3, lost to Andy Hayward, 6. Ron Brain whipped Bernie Dunn, 10. Ken Hatcher halted Charlie Manning, 4. Mickey Francis whipped Billy Alexander, 12.

John (Young) Pino defeated Baby Uribe, 10. Simon Vergara knocked out Gerardo Bedford, 1. John Bill, 7. Ceferino Robleto licked Elwood Robleto, 15. Gregory Escalona defeated Ray Montoya, 6. George Butler stopped Lefty Lopez, 1, Joe Monaco, 2, Bobby English, 4.

Johnny Wolgast licked Tony Cocco, 8. Eli Golindo accounted for Jorge Robles, 10. Billy Williams whipped Frank Courts, 4.

Ken Bailey defeated Jackie Wilson, 10. Tony Olivera won from Luis Castillo, 10. George Thomas won twice on a foul from Mickey Colbert, 4 and 5 rounds each, then defeated Mickey Jones, 8. Togs Torrington whipped Jimmy Turner, 4.

Sammy Reynolds halted Hugh Cameron, 4, Mickey Jones, 3.

Flyweight bouts follow: Tommy McMahon whipped Kid Socks, 4. McMahon was knocked out by Laurie Grimstead, 2. Benny Cousins defeated Leonard Marquez, 4, Mickey Romo, 4, kayoed Romo in 3, licked Augie Rodriguez, 4. Rodriguez licked Mickey Romo, 4.

Dado Marino again knocked out Eddie Silva, 4. Teddy Gallagher whipped Paddy O'Toole, 6. Joe Curran halted Billy Hazelgrove, 8.

Norman Lewis stopped Mickey Colbert, 3. Peter Fallon kayoed Johnny Regan, 4, licked Zak Spooner, 8. Cecil Schoonmaker put away Percy Idlett, 3.

PORTLAND, OREGON, BOXING NOTES

By JACK McCALLUM

WITH the enlistment of Joe Kahut in the Navy last November, boxing in Portland took quite a jolt on the chin, but Joe Waterman continued showing with the local prelim boxers in "Talent" shows. To the surprise of most fistic followers and much to Waterman's delight, these so-called "Talent" shows turned into some of the most thrilling fight cards ever staged on the Pacific Coast and developed some promising talent in heavyweights, Jack Huber, Johnny Sullivan, Dave Johnstone, middleweights Mickey Pease, Jerry Brown, and Joey Albina and welterweights Eddie Weller and Kelly Jackson.

The club of which Waterman is matchmaker, made very little money from these shows, but they accomplished the object of giving Joe some main event talent for 1945, as most of his boys are discharged ex-service men.

The National Boxing Club did a business of around $160,000 for 26 shows in 1944 . . . pretty good for a city this size and with boxers so scarce. Joe Kahut drew $83,000 in ten main events, of which he won eight and lost two, one by decision to Lloyd Marshall, the other to Costello Cruz due to a cut eye sustained in the eighth round.

Kahut, now stationed at "Boot Camp," Farragut Naval Training Station, Idaho, fought one of the two best fights of the year on the Pacific coast. Sports writers voted Kahut's knockout win over Leo "The Lion" Turner in the 15th round and the sensational Henry Armstrong-John Thomas fight, at the Olympic, Los Angeles, won by Thomas, as the two most thrilling ring battles of the year.

No boxing at Seattle, Tacoma or any of the other cities of the Northwest except Portland and Spokane. Bud Oliver threw up the sponge as matchmaker for the Victory Boxing Club, of Spokane, but with Joey Dolan as the feature boxer, the club carried on with several more shows. Dolan is due to be inducted into the army in February.

Pete Peterson, the Blond Tornado of Portland, is another younger boxer who has enlisted in the Navy. Peterson was one of the most aggressive fighters who ever crushed resin in a Portland ring.

In one of Joe Waterman's "Talent" shows, a real old-timer, Christy Adams, heavyweight, who used to fight around Boston and Providence more than 15 years ago, made a good fight, losing a close six-round decision to "Stoney" Clark. And Adams is the daddy of five growing kids.

Results of Portland's traditional New Year's boxing show: Main Event, Mickey Pease drew with Leo "The Lion" Turner; Johnny Sullivan decisioned Jerry Brown in eight-round semifinal. Gate, $3,629.00.

IN OUR QUESTION BOX

By NAT FLEISCHER

Homer Foster, Fleet P.O., San Francisco, Calif.

Q.—When a heavyweight champion engages in an exhibition, is his title at stake?

A.—Yes, in some states but not in others. New York, for example, insists that every time a heavyweight champion engages in an exhibition, it be called a regular bout. There must be judges and an official state referee, hence should the verdict be against the champ, he loses the title, although on the face of things, he is really only boxing an exhibition. In other states, bouts are listed as exhibitions, and to protect the champ, no official referee or judges are appointed, thus if he should be knocked out, it would be equivalent to boxing in a gym with a sparring partner and the title would still belong to the champ.

Alfred Pelletier, Fall River, Mass.

Q.—Did Sgt. Walker and Jake LaMotta ever fight?

A.—Yes, at Philadelphia on Oct. 11, 1943, and Jake scored a kayo in two rounds. Why not get a copy of my All-Time Ring Record Book for 1944 and get all your answers direct from that?

J. E. Hartwell, Minneapolis, Minn.

Q.—A few weeks ago I heard the radio report of the Greco-Ruffin fight and the announcer said that the referee voted five rounds to each and one judge made it four, four and two even, while the other judge had a score of six to four for Ruffin. How come then that the official verdict was a draw?

A.—That was the correct decision according to the laws of New York, which stipulate that a majority verdict counts. Since the referee and one judge called the fight a draw, that is the official verdict.

Tom Marinari, Salamanca, N. Y.

Q.—Is it true that when Baer fought Schmeling he hit Max on the break throughout the fight?

A.—No.

Q.—Is Tippy Larkin in the Army or Marines?

A.—No. He wasn't in the armed forces.

Q.—How many world champions did Tony Shucco fight, either when they held the title or otherwise?

A.—James J. Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom, Bob Olin, Lou Brouillard, John Henry Lewis, Jack Sharkey. He didn't fight these men when they were champs.

Pvt. A. Kowalczyh

Q.—In an argument at our camp we could not reach a decision regarding the number of victories gained by Lulu Costantino before he was defeated. One of the boys said it was 52. Another said 56. Still a third said that Lulu had not been defeated until his 56th fight but that four were draws. Who is correct?

A.—Costantino had four draws and 52 victories before he was defeated.

F. J. Shevlin, Woodside, L. I.

Q.—You recently mentioned these clubs in a story in THE RING: Fairmont A. C., Harlem Sporting Club, National Sporting Club and Lenox A. C. Can you kindly give me their locations in New York?

A.—They were situated as follows: Fairmont Club, 149th St. and Third Ave.; Harlem Sporting Club, 135th St. between Fifth and Madison Aves.; National Sporting Club, 24th St. and Lexington Ave., the old Fiss, Doerr and Carr Horse Mart Building; the Lenox A. C., Park Ave. and 107th St.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

SYRACUSE'S sensational featherweight, Joey Kushner, is one of the busiest boxers now campaigning in upstate New York. Often forced to spot opponents as much as twelve pounds, the hard-hitting little portsider knows no handicap. He has never been accused of withdrawing from a fight nor has he complained when a heavier opponent has been tossed in the same ring with him as a substitute for a foe originally matched with him. Win, lose or draw, thrills predominate when this miniature Dempsey swings into action.

Kushner knocked out Tony Forezzi, in three rounds at Albany and drew with Jeff Holloway, in Troy, his last two times at the post. Forezzi, a legitimate feather, was no match for the heavy guns of the local boy, while Holloway, carrying 12 pounds advantage in weight, was hard pressed to hold Joey even.

Albany and Troy shows provided the following results during December. At Albany (13th), Wilfred Shanks, Montreal middleweight, upset the dope bucket by scoring a fifth round T.K.O. over Joe Carter, industrious Rome Negro leather pusher, a scrap slated for eight heats. Both scaled 160 pounds, Lew Perez, Puerto Rico, 152, outpointed Vic Belanger, 155, Utica (6); Joey Kushner, 132, Syracuse, kayoed Tony Forezzi, Albany, 130 (3); Johnny Wilson, 148, Syracuse, T.K.O. over Jerry Rayford, 142, New York (2), Jerry Darby, New York, kayoed George McKinney, Albany (no weights or round given).

At Troy: (18th)—Umberto Zavala, 137½, Mexico, battled to a six-round draw with Johnny Williams, 138, New York. Joe Miller, 138, Buffalo, defeated Elroy Sanders, 138, New York (8); Joey Kushner, 132, Syracuse, drew with Jeff Holloway, Brooklyn, 145½ (8); Bill Commodore, 125, Jersey City, kayoed Evan Ramos, 125, New York (5); Vic Belanger, 151, Utica, kayoed George McKinney, 147, Albany (3).

Gabe Genovese, the man who piloted Babe Risko to the middleweight crown, is beginning to think the "breaks" are against him. Gabe recently opened a restaurant and grill known as The Red Lobster. He was doing fine, business was rapidly reaching the boom stage, when a fire broke out in the restaurant, so badly damaging the building, Gabe has been forced to close until repairs can be made. This apparently is going to take some time, with the current shortage of materials, etc.

Left-Hooks: Under the careful eye of Nick Florio, Joey DeJohn, young Syracuse welterweight, is coming along nicely in the New York area. . . . Joey has five knockouts and a draw on his record. . . . Jimmy Mills held Joey even in Madison Square Garden, on the Lee Oma-Tami Mauriello card. . . . Suffering from a bad head cold, the youngest of the Fighting DeJohn's was unable to do his best but promises to stop Mills if they meet again. . . . Henny Andrews, recently recovered from a severe illness, played host to widely known Trainer Ray Arcel, during the latter's recent stop-over in Syracuse. . . . Having passed his overseas examination. Paul (Kid) Polo is at an infantry replacement battalion base, hoping for an early assignment to a port of embarkation. . . . Polo's brothers, Pvt. Jimmy and Pvt. Joe Salerno, are also in the service, with the former based in India. . . . 1st Lt. Billy Shaw, Jr., Somewhere in England with the Air Forces, was given a plug by Hugh Fullerton, Jr., in his widely read syndicated sports column, on the occasion of being awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement on bombing missions." . . . Capt. Ray Burket, former inter-collegiate 126-pound champion, is home in the Land of Old Glory after considerable service in the Aleutians. Johnny Doolittle, son of Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, is back on duty as a Cadet at West Point and will be in the spring graduating class as a 2nd Lieutenant. . . . Lt. Billy Byrne, of Syracuse, 1942 inter-collegiate 145-pound champion, is a close friend of young Doolittle, who is quite a boxer. . . . Jacob (Jimmy) Alpert, red-hot local boxing fan, who gleans his fistic knowledge from THE RING, mourns the fact he cannot get enough copies of THE RING to satisfy the demand. . . . Raymond Murakami wrote us a most interesting letter from Hawaii, praising Ralph DeJohn. . . . Tabby Frank tells us his brother Vic will be back in circulation after considerable Army service, by the time this reaches the press.

Lt. Lawrence J. Skiddy, Jr., beloved son of the sports editor of the Syracuse *Herald-Journal*, was reported killed in action . . . . A splendid boy, who had many friends here, the younger Skid will be sadly missed by those who knew and loved him . . . . Our sympathy to his mother and dad, the latter a friend of many years . . . . Irving Robbins informs this pillar if he accepted all the bouts offered him for his big stable of fighters, they would have to battle on the average of five times a night every night in the week . . . . Robbins' fighters, always well conditioned, are boys who give the fans a run for their money and because of their crowd-pleasing tactics are always repeat performers . . . . Johnny Wilson is going strong . . . . Johnny hasn't lost a start as a money-chaser . . . . Rome put on a fistic natural in December between Tony Soriano and Carmen Sepello, bitter amateur middleweight rivals, and what a thriller! . . . . Ralph Di Castro and Phil Vinci, former fighters, are the Wire City promoters and do a fine job . . . . Cozy Storace writes Cupid has "shot him" with one of those well-known love darts . . . . The former 147-pound National king is stationed in Florida.

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOXING AND WRESTLING NOTES
By HENRY JOLLY

THE wrestling season in Keene, N. H., closed for 1944 with the 14th consecutive season, the biggest and best of all. The 1945 season will open in March with Louis Andrews at the helm.

One wrestling show was held in Manchester, N. H., in December on the 12th. Dr. Fred Myers defeated Al Leblanc for the winning fall in 22 minutes. Jack LaRue defeated Jim Spencer in two out of three falls. Manuel Cortez and Tiger Tasker drew, after getting a fall apiece.

Johnny Koski of Troy, N. H., has appeared in Worcester, Mass., and looked good in his showing there. He will appear there throughout the winter season.

Larry Villenueve of Berlin, N. H., the best boxing prospect developed here in years, is now in Uncle Sam's Navy and stationed at Sampson.

Nick Norris, the Nashua, N. H., promoter, has finally thrown up the sponge as promoter and manager and is willing to sell all equipment. In the past, Nick brought to the front that good middleweight, Norman Conrad of Wilton, N. H. Conrad defeated such good boys as Adolph Heuser, Harry Ebbetts and many others.

Boxing clubs are expected to open up in 1945 in Manchester, N. H., Portsmouth, N. H., and a new one in Nashua, N. H.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By JUANITA YEARGAIN

THOUSANDS of Kansas City children enjoyed a happy Yuletide as a result of the Mayor's Christmas Tree boxing program at the Municipal Auditorium, December 13, which netted approximately $1800 for the worthy cause. The Kansas City amateur team defeated the Oklahoma City boxers 5 to 3, with Kansas City boxers winning the last two bouts for the team's decision.

Inter-City Bouts — 118-pound class—Robert Davis, Kansas City, outpointed Amos Aitson, Oklahoma City.

126-pound class—Rutherford Loneman, Oklahoma City, outpointed Pat Sands, Kansas City.

112-pound class—Fran Rivera, Kansas City, outpointed Kenneth Wiles, Oklahoma City.

Heavyweight class—Mike McCloskey, Oklahoma City, won from George Lawrence, Kansas City, by a technical knockout in 1:44 of the third round.

118-pound class—Ray Atwood, Kansas City, won from Baxter Horne, Oklahoma City, by a knockout in 1:38 of the second round.

147-pound class—Gilbert Howell, Oklahoma City, outpointed Steve Lipari, Kansas City.

135-pound class—Joe Rima, Kansas City, won from Rudy Payasappe, Oklahoma City, by a knockout in 1:23 of the first round.

126-pound class—Jackie Darthard, Kansas City, won from Virgil Franklin, Oklahoma City, by a technical knockout in 1:13 of the third round.

On December 19, Oklahoma City turned the tables on the Kansas City team when Bill Cornelius, Sooner middleweight, decisioned Ray Spurlock in the ninth and deciding bout of the intercity series. This final show ended the season's matches with Kansas City having chalked up nine team victories to Oklahoma City's eight.

112-pound class—Fran Rivera, Kansas City, decisioned Kenneth Wiles, Oklahoma City.

118-pound class—Sammy Pewo, Oklahoma City, decisioned Ray Atwood, Kansas City.

118-pound class—Robert Davis, Kansas City, decisioned Amos Aitson, Oklahoma City.

126-pound class—Virgil Franklin, Oklahoma City, decisioned Pat Sands, Kansas City.

135-pound class—Joe Rima, Kansas City, decisioned Edmond Carr, Oklahoma City.

135-pound class—Rudy Payasappe, Oklahoma City, decisioned Pete Ruiz, Kansas City.

147-pound class—Jack Bruza, Kansas City, won over C. B. Summers, Kansas City.

175-pound class—George Lawrence, Kansas City, beat Bill Parks, Oklahoma City.

With Our Boys Here And There—A new ring sensation was uncovered December 6th in Kansas City in the person of Charley Williams, 18-year-old middleweight, who defeated Joe Haskins. Williams, formerly of the Savoy A. C., Chicago, looked great. . . . Let's take our hats off to Cpl. Leroy Jeffrey of Kansas City who became inter-allied boxing champion at Rome, Italy, in the second annual Mediterranean theater boxing tourney. Jeffrey was given a seven-day leave from the 92nd division to compete in the week-long tourney as a member of the 5th army team. He fooled around with Pvt. George Vrooman of Albany, N. Y., for about two minutes in the light-heavyweight bout, then threw a short left, which put Pvt. George to sleep for the full ten seconds. . . . Tommy Graham, the little scrapper from Wichita, will be going places in the boxing game, judging by his latest win. The Kansan stopped Sammy Scully in the fourth in Chicago. Scully held former lightweight champ Lew Jenkins to a draw after dropping a close decision to Fritzie Zivic. . . . Henry L. Martinez, 19-year-old K. C. Golden Gloves star and featherweight champion of his post in the Aleutians, recently dropped a close decision in a G. I., All Alaskan Aleutian boxing tournament. . . . Corporal John Corso pens C. E. McBride, Kansas City sports writer, from Somewhere in Italy that it is grateful to Kansas City officials for giving the boys on the North Side a chance to become good examples in clean living through participating in a clean sport like amateur boxing.

The writer who is in Spokane, Washington, visiting her husband before he is shipped out, saw Joe Dolan, sensational Pacific Coast featherweight champion, decision Kenny Lindsay, Canadian king, before a capacity crowd. Scheduled to enter the Army, Dolan was fighting his farewell bout and won the 10-round decision over one of the toughest foes he has ever faced.

News items are always welcome. Address this correspondent at: 710 Monroe, Topeka, Kansas.

IN THE NEW JERSEY CORNER
By HARRY MANSBACH

TONY JANIRO, 139, Youngstown, Ohio, outpointed Sammy Mammone, 134, Stamford, Conn., in a feature eight-rounder at the Riviera Rink, Belleville. Referee Koplin called the fourth round even but gave every other session to Janiro. This marked Janiro's 30th victory in 31 starts. Benny Williams, 150, Newark, knocked out Rocky Jackson, 147, Philadelphia, in 1:25 of the second round of their scheduled six-round contest. In other scheduled sixes, Mike Connors, 132, New York City, scored a technical kayo over Ellsworth Simley, 137, New York City, in the fifth, and Bobby Brown, 158, Philadelphia, received the decision over Charley Jones, 162, New York City. Sawee Japee, 160, New York City, outpointed Freddy Lott, 162, Newark, in a four rounder. After a layoff of two weeks during the holiday season the Belleville club failed to open.

Freddie Russo, 130, of Rahway, knocked out Willie Walker, 129, of New York City, just one second before the end of the first round in the main bout scheduled for eight rounds at Masonic Hall, Highland Park, N. J. Walker was counted out after two minutes and 59 seconds of the round. Two preliminary sixes also ended in knockouts, Jimmy Isler, 145, of Newark, halted Jimmy Taylor, 151, of Jamaica, N. Y., in the fourth; and Bobby Dance, 160, of Brooklyn, stopped Buddy Holmes, 170, of Philadelphia, in the fourth. Two fours completed the program.

Teddy Randolph, 182, of New York City, proved far too clever for Jersey City's Johnny White, 211, in the main event at Laurel Garden, Newark. Randolph never let the hard-punching White get a solid smack at him and meanwhile piled up a long margin on points.

Johnny Williams, 141, New York City, floored Oscar Goode, 138, Newark, for a nine count in the third round and went on to win Referee Tommy Elm's decision in a six-rounder.

In the fours, Ruben White, 136, of the Bronx, was stopped on a technical kayo in the first round. Benny May, 119, of Montreal, knocked out Tommy Jones, 121, New York City, in the third.

This writer has compiled a complete listing of all New Jersey promoters, matchmakers, fight clubs, wrestling clubs, and their addresses and locations. Send twenty-five cents in coin or stamps and self-addressed envelope for list to Harry Mansbach, 37 Arlington St., Newark, N. J. Boxers who are willing to show around Jersey and metropolitan New York and have no managerial ties, can contact same address. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope and previous record.

Henry Jordan, 143, of Philadelphia, outboxed Oscar Suggs, 150, of Newport, R. I., to gain an easy decision in the eight-round main event at the Trenton Arena. Jordan, the aggressor throughout, won five rounds on Referee Joe O'Connor's scorecard, with Suggs, who spent most of the eight rounds on the defensive getting two, and one called even. Cpl. Jim Foster, 199, of Oneida, Ill., and Fort Dix, blasted his way to a technical knockout over Bill Winbush, 226, of Newark, in 2:00 of the fourth round of a scheduled six. In other sixes, Al Franklin, 145, of Washington, D. C., decisioned Jimmy Green, 140, of Trenton, and Johnny Clark, 172, of New York City, kayoed Archie Coles, 178, of Newark in the second.

Freddie Russo, 132, Rahway fighter, won as expected over Georgie Cooper, 125¾, New York City, in the main eight-rounder in Laurel Garden. Julio Bort, 139½, New York City, won a sensational victory in outpointing Joe Griffo, 130, Newark, in a sixer.

Buddy Andrews, 134, New Haven, defeated Sam Stigliano, 136, Hoboken, in one of the six-rounders. Andy Heyward, 117, Newark, outpointed Benny May, 118, Montreal, in a sixer. Eddie Compo, 124, New Haven, knocked out Winnie Tate, 122, New York City, in the first.

Attell and Moran

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Fairmont A. C. in New York, to be introduced at the Moran-Harlem Tommy Murphy fight.

Abe had a brief conversation with Murphy and wished him luck. Then he hopped out of the ring, snubbing Moran. The Briton laughed. Abe snarled.

Attell's dislike for Moran had become aggravated after Abe's defeat by Jem Driscoll of England in a no-decision 10-rounder in New York. Moran naturally had encouraged Jem, and had made quite a fuss over him after the fight. Abe became more angered at Moran than ever, and announced that he wanted another battle for the featherweight title with the Englishman.

Attell offered to meet Moran anywhere at 122 pounds. Owen perhaps could make this, perhaps not. He was not very careful about his living habits, and making the featherweight limit was not to his liking.

Moran was after Battling Nelson, and so was Attell. Owen finally landed the Battler on November 26, 1910, and much to the amazement of the fight world, stopped him in the 11th round. However, the previous February, Nelson had shot his bolt. He had been stopped by Ad Wolgast for the lightweight title

Attell and Nelson met in San Francisco on March 21, 1908, and went 15 heats to a draw.

Attell neared the end of the road on February 22, 1912, when he was outpointed in 20 rounds by Johnny Kilbane, and the featherweight championship of the world passed to the Cleveland fighter.

Kilbane was champion until June 2, 1923, when he was stopped in six rounds by Eugene Criqui of France. By that time Kilbane was a mere shell. Criqui never would have beaten the Kilbane who whaled the tar out of Attell in 1912, and earned the decision of Referee Charley Eyton.

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THE Attell defeat by Kilbane came in the Vernon Arena near Los Angeles. The old Abe was gone. His cleverness, long a byword in the ring, no longer was in evidence. He had slipped—and how! The San Franciscan did not make himself very solid with the fans when, in the 16th round, he butted Kilbane and opened a big gash over his left eye. The blood spurted over Johnny's face.

In the 17th round Referee Eyton stopped the fight and, grabbing a towel, rubbed Attell's body thoroughly dry. Eyton said that Abe had applied some sort of grease. Attell protested but Eyton was adamant.

Thereafter Attell was more the loser than ever. And all this against a man who had entered the ring a 5 to 2 second choice. Kilbane jabbed to Abe's sore nose, or to his eyes, and much as Attell tried to corner his man, Kilbane kept moving. His footwork was remarkable.

Attell could not move with Kilbane that day, and the experts said his legs were going fast.

But Abe denied this. He said that in insisting that a boxer's legs went first, the cognoscenti were all wrong.

"The arms are the first to show the effects of years and of competition," Attell explained.

"Of a sudden, you discover that you can't get your arms up to ward off blows. You find your arms do not respond as quickly as they used to, that you can't take advantage of openings, that you cannot ram your punches home because your arm reflexes are dulled and your arm muscles are weaker.

"When your arms begin to go, you have to take punishment that slows your speed, and they say your legs are gone.

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"I PICKED Tunney to take the title from Dempsey after having watched Jack in training at Atlantic City. His legs were spry enough. But his arms were gone, and I knew he was finished.

"At Philadelphia," Abe continued, "and again in Chicago, Dempsey had Tunney all set for the knockout, but Jack could not get his arms up to hit him."

Attell quit the ring on September 6, 1915. He should have retired before that. That night he stopped one Kid Callahan in the third round at Gloversville. Here was the sort of wind-up for a champion—to quit after having stopped someone instead of having been knocked out himself.

The life story of Abe Attell, born February 22, 1884, in San Francisco, would make an interesting book if he ever wanted to write it—and tell the truth.

But it seems likely that this yarn never will get into print. He was one of the greatest boxers the American ring has seen. Sometimes he carried a fighter, particularly a youngster whom he wanted to save up for another shot. Too often was Abe accused unjustly of stalling and faking.

Even if he had put forth his level best, they said, "Abe the businessman has done it again!"

No matter when, on other occasions, he might have carried a fighter, he certainly gave out with everything he had that New Year's afternoon in 1908, against Moran.

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Hitting the Spotlight

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seven of his ten contests—losing the others by a close margin. He defeated the tough Gunnar Larson, Ike Roland and Joe Gould. He boxed a draw with the clever Hubert Winfield; knocked out Marty Bell and Bunnie Marconi in a round each. In his latest bouts he kayoed Ralph Giffone in one round, lost in four to Joey Gatto and beat Vincent Calgano in four.

Aside from his ability at shooting a stinging left and wielding a forceful right fist, Melito is an effective infighter. By battering some of his more seasoned rivals around the midriff, Vinnie was able to slow them down and leave the ring a victor.

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CHUCK HUNTER

THE fight industry recently received a shocking surprise when it learned that an unknown kid had halted the clever and highly rated Freddie Archer. Hunter had Freddie down in the first heat and after giving Archer a severe beating in the next two rounds, in which he had Freddie on the deck twice, Freddie failed to answer the bell for the fourth. For the next two weeks Nat Fleischer, editor of THE RING, was busy answering telephone calls from curious callers who wanted information about "this fella, Chuck Hunter, who T.K.O.'ed Freddie Archer."

Since turning pro in October, 1943, Chuck has had 16 fights. He lost a split decision to Maxie Berger in his sixth battle and was stopped by Tommy Bell. All other bouts he won. Hunter's best wins are over Gene Ward and Bill Parson, and his best kayo victims are Jesse Glynn, Don Eddy, Jimmy Hunt and Henry Jordan, whom he put away in two rounds.

That he really can fight was observed when Hunter worked out at Stillman's. This wiry lad is a calm and confident boxer, quick-eyed and fast-fisted. His left is a dangerous weapon—either in jabbing or hooking; his right is cocked and ready to strike should an opening present itself. He doesn't waste energy on showy footwork. He sort of glides over the canvas like one would on roller skates.

"I spent lots of time teaching Chuck the finer points of the game," volunteered his youthful manager, Tiger Brown, a fair good middleweight not so long ago. "And now Larry Amadee, one of the ablest trainers in the world, has picked up where I left off. Larry is showing Chuck new stuff all the time, and the boy is learning fast."

Chuck was born Charles Hunter, in Atlanta, Ga., on January 7, 1925. He started boxing while attending high school, winning two bouts in the 85-pound class. Later he competed as a bantamweight in the Golden Gloves

"Chuck was a weak and puny kid at first," related Tiger Brown, "so I sent him to a friend, Arthur Drake, also a former boxer who has a nice place in the country. He took good care of Chuck, built him up fine. The kid is so grateful to Arthur that he affectionately calls him 'Little Brother.'"

In 1943 Hunter won three amateur titles in two months, as a lightweight. He won the Chicago *Tribune* tournament, the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* and the National A.A.U. championships. He won 35 out of 38 simon pure contests.

Brown has tremendous confidence in his protege. "I've been trying to get Tommy Bell to meet Chuck in a return bout," he voiced. "But Bell must be in fear of the outcome—because he refuses to be coaxed into the same ring with Hunter."

The ebony-hued youngster, who now fights out of Cleveland, is a quiet, well behaved gentleman. He likes good music, also boogie woogie; roller skating and tennis. "But I feel more at home with a pair of boxing gloves on my hands," he says.

Louis Takes No Chances

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But Dixon insisted that he should be allowed to box the third and final frame, protesting that he felt all right again, O'Rourke backed up his demand and the fray started again.

Luckily for the champion, he was in the pink of condition and thanks to his great recuperative powers, he was able to meet the Rosebud with punch for punch. In his earnest efforts to redeem himself he probably never fought harder in his entire career, but Edgerton, although he couldn't repeat his exploit in the third round, held the champion safe to the finish.

Later, in a statement to the press, O'Rourke claimed that the Rosebud double-crossed Dixon by catching him off guard when Edgerton turned what was supposed to be a friendly exhibition into a slugging match. But none of the sport writers fell for that assertion and unanimously kidded the manager as a poor hand at the alibi game.

A controversy raged for a while in the newspapers as to whether The Rosebud, having knocked out Dixon, was entitled to the featherweight crown. Opinions were about fifty-fifty on that score, but nothing came of the cross-fire arguments and George held on to his title. Attempts were made to bring Dixon and Edgerton together over a long distance route, but their respective managers couldn't come to terms on that proposition, each claiming that the failure to make such a match was the other fellow's fault.

The lads met once more in the ring before a Philadelphia club in 1897 for a six round, no decision bout. Honors were even and the vexed question of superiority remained an unsolved problem.

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AFTER Jim Jeffries defeated Fitzsimmons for the second time, in 1902, victor and loser went on the road, the heavyweight champion meeting all comers, and Fitz sparring with his conqueror when no local fighter cared to take on Jeff.

At Butte, Montana, Jack Munroe a miner, went on for four rounds with the big fellow. Munroe was a husky chap, five feet, eleven and a half inches tall and scaling 208 pounds. He had been a football player and began fighting in 1901, kayoing Jim Galvin, Charley Millward, Jack Shaughnessy, Tom Mulverhill and Charley Stokes; and holding Hank Griffin, the Negro heavyweight, to a twenty round draw. Griffin was the only boxer of the lot with any pretensions to class and he was on the down grade when Munroe fought him.

Jeffries hadn't done any training since his last battle with Fitz. He carried some excess weight and was not at his best. Yet he had had no trouble beating opponents on the tour up to his arrival at Butte. Munroe was in very fine shape and as Jeff was a bit slow, the champ couldn't corner him and the latter kept out of danger's way for three rounds. But in the fourth Munroe did some rushing on his own account. Jeff, glad to get to close quarters, mixed with a will. As they mixed Munroe landed a right swing to the head. It caught the champ off balance and he went down.

He was up like a flash and tore after Munroe, forcing him from rope to rope and doing his utmost to put over a sleep-wallop. But Jack sprinted, clinched, ducked and hung on successfully to the final bell. He had put the champion on the canvas, something no other fighter had accomplished, for Jeff had never been knocked down in a battle.

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MUNROE was not destined to reach championship heights. But Jack Curley took him in tow and set the publicity mills aworking to such an extent that he not only put Munroe over as a theatrical attraction, but signed him up for battles in the East with generous financial guarantees. The ex-miner kayoed Peter Maher, then very much in the sere and yellow athletic age of the has-been list; and clouted down a "never-was" known as Al Limerick. He also boxed six rounds at Philadelphia with veteran Tom Sharkey, under no decision rules.

Tom was all through as a fighter, and the bout with Munroe was his last ring appearance. There was no class to Munroe. He was merely a strong, tough chap with plenty of endurance and equipped with a healthy wallop that did damage if he could land it. But he was so discreetly matched that he was kept clear of defeat prior to getting what his handlers aimed at—a title-contest with Jeffries.

He got it all right, and tackled Jeff at San Francisco, on August 26, 1904, and was stopped in the second round. His showing was so bad that the most charitable thing to suppose is that he was stricken with what is commonly called stage fright, for he had never before shown any lack of gameness whatever his deficiencies as a fighter were. Jeff slammed him around as he pleased and Munroe made not the slightest attempt to fight back. He landed only a few blows and these were ineffective.

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IN 1935 when heavyweight champion Max Baer was en route to New York City, where he was later to defend his title against Jim Braddock, he went by easy stages, making many stopovers and engaging in exhibition bouts in different localities. The final one of these was with Eddie Simms at Cleveland, Ohio.

Eddie was a local lad, a smart boxer who had a long list of victories to his credit, but definitely of the second rank in pugilism and certainly not equipped with the sort of championship timbre in his makeup which Max Baer possessed. Yet in his bout with Max, Eddie "put it all over" the champ.

Had there been a decision given, it must have gone to Simms and the title would have changed hands as the result of a comparatively unimportant glove-wrangle. The Simms victory, though not officially okayed, was really a tip-off that Baer was slipping, though few benefited by it when Max faced Braddock, for the champion, as usual, was betting favorite. But Braddock used the straight left on Baer, much as did Simms, jabbed him silly, won the decision on points and deprived him of his crown.

So far as New York State is concerned, the question of many years' standing as to whether a champion would cease to be a champion if kayoed in an exhibition bout is emphatically answered in the affirmative by General Phelan's action as Commission head in enforcing the law declaring every glove bout to be a contest.

In the past boxing promoters, experts, patrons, writers, *et al.*, dodged the problem, as shown in the case of George Dixon's kayo by the Kentucky Rosebud. One wonders if other States might some day make a similar ruling to that prevailing in New York.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS

By BILL DAVEE

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 12—Before another capacity house, Fritzie Zivic, former welterweight champion of the world, and Kid Azteca, Mexico's welterweight champion, slugged throughout ten fast rounds of one of the greatest fights this writer has ever witnessed. At the finish, Zivic was returned the winner, by a split decision, a decision that was highly popular with the Zivic partisans, but equally as unpopular with the rabid followers of the Mexican idol. The writer, who promoted the fight, is making every effort to rematch the pair, and hopes to do so over the 12- or 15-round distance.

All in all, it was a great night for the Zivic stable. Three of Fritzie's proteges were winners. In the six-round semi-final, Mickey Quack, busy little Pittsburgh featherweight, won over rugged K. O. Barrado, of Nuevo Laredo. Frankie Abrams, also of the Smoky City, bested Houston's Pete Sanchez. They are welterweights. Joey Yarosz, promising younger brother of former champion, Teddy Yarosz, turned in a sparkling battle to knock out Ralph Marino in five.

El Paso, Dec. 8—Promoter Jimmy Erwin, who is adept at discovering and developing new talent, came up with a most promising young heavyweight in the person of Ragon Kinney, who flattened Ignacio Marquez in three heats.

In the companion 10-rounder, Felipe Gomez scored an upset to beat the youngest of the Villa clan, Rodolfo Villa, in a swell scrap. Rafael Lopez bested Fidel Rivera in 6; Bobby Montoya K.O.'ed Estaban Martinez, 2; Samuel Andrade kayoed Francisco Saucedo, 1.

Houston, Dec. 19—Gunnar Barlund, veteran Finnish heavyweight, proved too strong and too rugged for young Frank Androff and copped in 10.

Eddie Bertolino, Galveston's classy young featherweight, made a big hit in upsetting the veteran Douglas Gibson to take a decision in the six-round semi-windup. Bertolino really looks like a comer and if not rushed too fast should develop into a first rate fighter ere another year rolls by. Harry Lane and Pete Sanchez, welters, drew, 6; Douglas Rhone K.O.'ed Willie Thompson, heavies, 2; Nash Ortiz and Red Keck, welters, drew, 6; Otho Slager decisioned Lynn Braswell, feathers, 4.

El Paso, Dec. 22—Briscio Garcia (Midget Mexico) seems to improve with age as was demonstrated when he punched out a 10-round decision over Wild Bill McDowell of Dallas in the feature event.

Rafael Lopez again beat Fidel Rivera in the 6-round semi. Estaban Martinez reversed his kayo at the hands of Bobby Montoya and hung a knockout on Montoya in 3 heats. Jesse Becerra K.O.'ed Samuel Andrade, 1; Ferris Bynum stopped Ambrosia Villa, 2; Jesus Ramirez kayoed Jose Tejada, 2.

Glove Gossip . . . Heard from Roy Beard, veteran Texas middleweight, who is giving the enemy hell over there. Good luck, Roy! . . . Also to Jo Jo Passante, who is now with the U. S. Navy. Jo Jo is stationed on the West Coast. The writer is always happy to hear from our boys in the service, and suggests that one of the nicest things the folks at home could give them would be a subscription to THE RING, so that they may be able to keep up with the boxing news back home.

There seems to have been an epidemic of Mexican boxers who, upon making their appearance in this country, lay claim to all sorts of Mexican championships. Just to keep the records straight, we are listing herewith a list of the official Mexican champions:

Luis Castillo, flyweight; Ernesto Aguilar, bantamweight; Chucho Llanes, featherweight; Rodolfo Ramirez, lightweight; Kid Azteca, welterweight; Amado Rodriquez, middleweight, and light-heavy; Lothario Ramirez, heavyweight. . . . Ceferino Garcia, former middleweight champion, who recently scored a hit in Houston is booked for a fight there. . . . Juan Zurita, lightweight champion, and Manuel Ortiz, bantam king, are slated to appear in San Antonio. . . . San Antonio, which has adopted Fritzie Zivic as its own, was pulling solidly for Fritzie and rejoiced in his recent victory over Billy Arnold in the Garden. . . . Dick Leveritt, of Houston, whose hobby is collecting fight pictures, clippings, posters, etc., has what is probably the finest collection of such in the world, with the possible exception of THE RING'S. . . . The writer's address: 1518 N. Trinity St., San Antonio.

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IN HAWAII

By PVT. MACK SHERMAN

RIPPER RAY POWELL proved to a packed house at the Civic Auditorium on Sunday, December 3, that he was master and still welterweight champion when he decisively licked Al Calderon in an eight-round title bout, Powell, who also holds the middleweight crown, licked his opponent, the hard hitting Mexican boy in a dull deliberate battle. The fight was the first defense of the title in over seven months and Ray proved none the worse after his long layoff, because he took Calderon's stiffest blows on the few occasions that he threw them and weathered them quite handily to score this one sided victory.

Previous to the fight, the contest had all the earmarks of a great battle, but for reasons now known, it fell short of these expectations. The main reason was the fact that Calderon was reluctant to mix with the dusky champion, probably because he had too much respect for Powell, and as a result he was on a bicycle during the entire fray. However, it is my contention that Al lost the fight in his own corner, for the simple reason that if he started wielding his left hook early in the fight as he did in the seventh, which was entirely too late to start, he might have made a better fight of it and maybe might have emerged the victor. To prove my point was the seventh, when Calderon stuck Powell with a sharp jab repeatedly then hooked slashing lefts that rocked the champion on three occasions. This proved to be the best round of the contest and the only one that the challenger won.

Although Powell appeared slow at times it really didn't make much difference, because his ring generalship and experience proved too much for Calderon. The first two rounds were fairly even with Powell holding a slight edge. In the third which was one of Powell's big rounds, he continually feinted his younger adversary to make him miss and Ray countered beautifully with a short chopping right to the head that completely annoyed Calderon. By this time, Calderon was back pedaling and all Powell had to do was to shuffle after him and continue to paw and crowd the Mexican and rack up the points. This same business continued in the fourth, and until the sixth it was all Powell, who was way out in front on points, with the exception that he suffered a small cut under his left eye; the seventh was Calderon's best round when he scored heavily with left hooks. The eighth round was completely dominated by Powell and he left no doubt as to who was the winner. Powell came in at 142½, and Calderon weighed 146½.

In the semi-final of five rounds, Sandy McPherson, 224, and Pete Louthis, 181½, fought to a draw. Louthis was the aggressor and did most of the cleaner punching during the entire fray and was clearly robbed of the verdict. McPherson continually used the rabbit blow during the entire contest and it wasn't until the final round that Referee Allen Dodd warned the big boy which was very poor judgment on the part of the official.

The balance of the card were all four rounders. Two local lads furnished an interesting four rounder, when Joe Colon, 122, copped the duke over Johnny Perry, 119. Don Ponce, 132, went to a draw with Harry James, 134. George Souza, 141, making his pro debut scored an interesting decision over Clarence Garrett, 142. Ice Cream Williams, 142, licked Billy Holmes, 144. 5500 were present and the gross gate was $8,557.

Before a fight hungry mob on Sunday, December 17, an all star card was presented to the populace at the Civic Auditorium. The card consisted of eight bouts that produced only one bout that was worth the price of admission. The balance of the card was a stinkeroo.

The scheduled five round final event brought together Big Bill Lewis, 190, and Sandy McPherson, 225. McPherson had no business being in the same ring with the ex-champ, because all he did was catch punches for 2½ rounds and finally folded up when Lewis dropped him for the count with a right to the midsection and a straight left to the chin just before the third round ended. After a dull first round, Lewis found his target in the second and stood McPherson on his heels with a slashing left to the kisser. This blow slowed the big boy down to a walk and it was only a matter of time before he would collapse. However, he finished the round and came out for the third and consequently took an awful beating and eventually got knocked stiff toward the end of the round.

The semi-final five-rounder, between Fred Red Luce, 142, and Sabas Jamito, 140, provided the only thrilling contest of the evening. By virtue of his better boxing and cleaner aggressive punching, Red earned himself a hard, well deserved victory. Sabas proved to be a hardy opponent at all times due to the fact that his right hand carries dynamite. The old war horse, Jamito, was fighting a losing battle for the entire distance and absorbed a lot of punishment, but the veteran was right in there pitching and in the fifth and final round he lashed out with a terrific lightning overhand right that landed flush on the youngster's chin and Luce hit the deck and bounced, believe it or not he actually bounced, as a result of that terrific wallop. Red staggered to his feet and jabbed his way out of trouble for the remainder of the contest to cop the duke.

In the third of the featured five-rounder Caesar Ferro, 155, clearly outpointed the Ne Ned Thomas, 162. This was a return match tween these boys who fought a humdinger week before with Ferro gaining the duke. Tho had a slight edge in the first two rounds and beginning of the third until Ferro got sta and shot a barrage of rights to Thomas' sto which completely slowed him down. From on in, it was all Ferro, because Thomas di seem to have any steam left and for the balan of the fourth and fifth, it was easy for Ferro, deserved the decision.

Making his second appearance in as m weeks, Walter Pua Kahookele, 135, scored second kayo in the second round over Eddie Ma 136½, in a scheduled four. It wasn't much fight because Mara got on a bicycle until Wal cornered him with a one, two to the chin followed this with a hard straight right to chin and the curtain came down on Mara.

What started out to be a circus, didn't turn to be so humorous for Peter Reyes, 157. In scheduled four, he met G.I. Jones, 162, Jones wasted no time in putting away the cl in two heats. Jones floored Reyes for a nine co in the first with a screaming right. He floored again in the second but Reyes recovered with a count only to run into a neat left hook again he hit the deck for a count of nine. A he regained his feet he was met with a stiff and that was all.

Harry James, 136, fought his heart out gain a popular decision over Don Ponce, 13 a four.

Early in the second, Gus Rosa, 125, stop Duke Valdez, 126, with an explosive left hook

In the opener, Ice Cream Williams and Holmes went to a draw.

The capacity house grossed $6,187.25.

Dado Marino, the Territorial Flyweight cha proved that his knockout of Eddie Silva a weeks ago was no fluke. He duplicated the re in a return engagement before a capacity cr that jammed the Civic Auditorium. It was alm precise as to the type of punch and the time the round that brought about the finish of bouts.

It happened in the early part of the fir and it was a right and a hard terrific left h that did the trick. Silva was laid out stiffer a cold mackerel. He never knew what hit and it was some time before he regained senses. Dado had to step out of his class this battle, and I can safely say, without fea contradiction that Dado could step into hig echelon brackets and give the big boys plenty trouble.

During the first two rounds both boys w a little cautious with Dado taking the lead his cleaner punching and aggressiveness. second was also taken by the champ when took command by his superior infighting.

It was not until the third that the real ac started, when midway through the stanza S caught Dado with his vaunted left, which is Sunday punch and sent Dado back on his hee Dado was rolling with the blow and no ser damage was done. Toward the end of the r Dado shot a terrific left that landed on Ed chin. However, the bell rang to come to his res

Immediately after the fourth started, they cled each other once and Dado shot a short to Silva's midsection and followed with his li ning left that flattened the southpaw. It wa scheduled six with Dado weighing 120 and S coming in at 123.

The balance of the card presented some in esting fights which resulted in a pleasant even

The semi-final of six rounds, brought tog Ray Lewis, 133¼, and Sabas Jamito, 137. L clearly outboxed the veteran to gain the d He punished Jamito on the inside with a chopping rights to the head and stomach.

In a scheduled five-rounder, Pete Louthis showed amazing courage to withstand a la down in every round and yet stand up and it out to his heavier Negro opponent, Bill L 193. Lewis took advantage of his height, we and reach and bullied Louthis to the canvas times during the evening. However, Louthis not to be underestimated. He made a mar showing by staging a strong comeback in fourth when he staggered Lewis with a rig the chin that made his knees sag. Louthis peated this with a right to the stomach and Lewis's knees buckled. The final round wa thriller, but Lewis was awarded the decisio virtue of his early lead.

Another humdinger of a bout was staged tween Caesar Ferro, 166, and Ned Thomas, 1 in a scheduled four. After surviving a se round knockdown, Ferro came back strong in final two rounds to punch Thomas to the in the last heat and earned himself a hard, deserved victory.

Making his first appearance as a pro, W Pua Kahookele, 133, stopped Harry James, 13 the second.

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LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By EDDIE BECK

IRISH EDDIE BRINK, whose magnetic name lured 16,000 patrons in one of his memorable battles at the Bronx Coliseum, is now residing in Boston where he is managing Frankie Ross, Beantown welterweight; Johnny Farr, lightweight; Benny Singleton, featherweight, and has a few good prospects in the service. He is also kept busy acting as a second at Sam Silverman's clubs. During his 14 years of active battling, Eddie toured the U. S. and Europe. He retired in 1940 and has since received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army where he served as a boxing instructor.

Don Card, Centerdale heavy, has taken out a second's license and will assist his manager, Larry McManus, when not fighting. Don is also acting as Jimmy Ruzzo's sparring partner.

Capt. Henry Sherr of Chelsea is home on a furlough after completing 51 missions over enemy territory with the 15th Air Force as a Squadron Navigator on a B-24. Capt. Sherr occupied a press seat at the Mammone-Smith shindig.

Signs of the times—Jolting Jimmy Ruzzo and "Schoolboy" Jerry Berthiaume drawing a gate of $6,400, each boxing less than a year in the pro ranks.

Cletus Kirkwood, former East Providence amateur star, is now fighting the Japs in New Guinea.

Pete Louthis, Cumberland heavy, is serving in Hawaii with the Army.

Tony Petronella has recovered from a recent illness and is again pounding the typewriter.

Chick Hays, popular fight manager and promoter, was in "Schoolboy" Jerry Berthiaume's corner when he met Ruzzo. The outcome of the Berthiaume-Ruzzo battle might have been different had Ruzzo taken a nine-count instead of bobbing up after being floored. The round would have ended and he probably would have found himself in the next round. A return match is assured, and will take place shortly.

Manny Almeida will operate at the Elks Auditorium while the Ice Capades take over the R. I. Auditorium.

Sam Silverman has just acquired the New Haven Arena where he will present weekly shows on Monday nights.

Because of a sinus condition, Larry Bolvin will not box until March of this year at which time he will travel to California for a return match with Manuel Ortiz. This writer's address is 307 Wickenden St., Providence 3, R. I.

At the R. I. Auditorium—Sammy Mammone, 143½, Stamford, Conn., entered the ring a 2-1 underdog in his battle with Charlie Smith, 139, Newark, in a 10-round main event. In his two previous bouts, Mammone defeated Gene Boulden and K.O. Sid Miller, also as an underdog. Mammone outsmarted Smith to cop an early lead and won on a split decision.

In the 8-round semi-final, Bobby Zollo, East Providence welterweight, was handed his first defeat as a professional when he was stopped by Buster Hardy, Newark veteran, in the first round. Hardy outweighed Bobby by 11 pounds and had many years of experience on him.

Don Card, 186, Centerdale, stopped Johnny Melko, 188, Worcester, in the fifth round of a scheduled 6. Johnny Reilly, 146, Worcester, K.O.'ed Walter Gomez, 139, New Bedford, in the first round. Georgie Butler, 119, Waterbury, K.O.'ed Joe Monaco, 121½, Providence, in the second round.

Promoter Dave Cashman presented his final show of the year on December 18, before 2,913 fans who paid $6,406. "Jolting" Jimmy Ruzzo, West Warwick light-heavy, suffered his first defeat in his young career when he met "Schoolboy" Jerry Berthiaume in a 10-round main event. Berthiaume stunned Ruzzo with hard rights to the jaw, scoring two knockdowns. Referee Tim Ferrick halted the battle with 9 seconds remaining of the first round. Ruzzo weighed 172, Berthiaume 178¾. Mario Miscelli, 155½, Brooklyn, scored a 3-round K.O. over Buster Hardy, 158½, Newark, after Hardy retired at the end of the third. Georgie Butler, 119, Waterbury, T.K.O.'ed Bobby English, 122, Fall River, in four. Joe Celletti, 138, East Providence, lost a close six-rounder to Henry Davis, 134½, New Haven. Roland Gomez, 145, Fall River, K.O.'ed Al Carter, 138, Waterbury, in one.

At the R. I. Auditorium—Jan. 1st. Sammy Mammone, junior welterweight from Stamford, Conn., lost his first bout at the R. I. Auditorium to Charlie Smith of Newark in ten rounds. Oscar St. Pierre, Fall River southpaw lightweight, won on a T.K.O. in the sixth, over Joe Celletti, East Providence, who was a last minute substitute for Eddie Hudson of Maine. Billy Wilson, Providence lightweight, stopped Matty Robinson of Boston, in the third. Ace Wallace of Worcester K.O.'ed Jack Riley of Worcester in the first.

At the Elks Club—Dick McHale's amateurs furnished the fight fans with thrills and laughs. Sailor Jackie Webber, Pawtucket lightweight and brother Allie, a featherweight, were the outstanding performers.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

THE big news in this part of the country was the return of Joe Basco of Barberton, Ohio, to ring action as a manager after two years of retirement. Basco announced his return, at the same time bulletining that his new find, Jimmy (Rex) Ainscough, former Akron, O., East High football star and amateur fight champion of that section, had turned professional at Minneapolis, with a six-round decision over Ray Cox of St. Louis, Mo.

Around Fountain Square With the Punchers and Their Pilots—THE RING 1944 ratings caused a big stir in this locality especially at the lack of Cincinnati and Ohio fighters in general. . . . The ratings have again proven that the big fight has taken many of the Buckeye battlers off to war. . . . My monthly flashes service celebrates its eighth year of being in 1945 and we are looking forward to a banner year. . . . Those interested in a subscription at one dollar per year should write Jimmie Amann, 6716 Palmetto Street, Cincinnati (27), Ohio. . . . This address also available for fighters of all weights and managers of good fighters who wish national bookings. . . . Also for any promoter or manager interested in my one dollar 1945 mimeo guide in which 500 names and addresses are listed. . . . Nick DeMarco, former New York welter of note, is now stationed at Kings Point, in the United States Merchant Marine Academy. . . . Good luck, Nick. . . . Al Dellevan, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., fight trainer, is looking for good connections. . . . This writer rates Al among the best at his trade and many will remember Dellevan as a star middleweight in his territory previous to his entry into the armed services two years ago. . . . Sugar Costner, Cincinnati's Negro middleweight, continues his swing through all opposition and we are looking for the "sweet one" to hit the high ratings before a few months roll by.

SOUTHERN BOXING FLASHES
By CLYDE SMITH

C. R. CONNORS of Philadelphia, Pa., and Yours Truly will promote boxing at Little Rock, Ark. Managers and boxers will do well to get in touch with Yours Truly at 1003 E. Magrill St., Longview, Texas.

Camp Maxie—Art Saey, 197, who hails from St. Louis, Mo., won over Dallas Bennet, 190, of Le Van, Ore., (3). Bill Grombacher of Youngstown, Ohio, knocked out John Boleslawski of Michigan City, Ind., (1), middleweights. Pickle Glaze, La Mar, Mo., won over Louis Prince of New Libria, La., (3), welterweights. Wilbert Sula of Mobile, Ala., won over Wayne Taylor of Indianapolis, Ind., (3). Bobby Maestas, Los Angeles, knocked out Serfin Linan of Corpus Christi, Tex., (1), featherweights. Robert Strand won over Tony Sacco, (3). Bob Walker, Los Angeles, knocked out John Rodden of Peoria, Ill., (2), welterweights.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Oklahoma City team won over Kansas City Golden Glovers, 5-4.

The Inter-City results follow: Rudy Payasappe, 134, Riverside Indian school, decisioned Pete Ruiz, 133, Kansas City, (3). Sammy Pewo, 122, Fort Sill Indian school, decisioned Ray Atwood, 120, Kansas City, (3). George Lawrence, 173, Kansas City, K.O.'ed Bill Parks, 164, Prague, (1). Frank Rivera, 114, Kansas City, decisioned Kenneth Wiles, 114, Oklahoma City, (3). Joe Rima, 135, Kansas City, decisioned Howard Carr, 136, Oklahoma City, (3). Bobby Davis, 118, Kansas City, decisioned Amos Aitson, 117, Riverside Indian, (3). Virgil Franklin, 126, Riverside, decisioned Pat Sands, 128, Kansas City, (3). Jack Bruza, 145, Navy Skyjackets, decisioned C. B. Summers, 148, Kansas City, (3). Bill Cornelius, 158, Navy Skyjackets, decisioned Ray Spurlock, 159, Kansas City, (3).

Camp Maxey—T/4 John Wright, 215, of Ashtabula, Ohio, won over Pvt. Roger Johnson, 203, of Seattle, Wash., (3). Sgt. Willie Collins, 143, of Charleston, W. Va., knocked out Pvt. Neal Hankinson, 144, of Hastings, Neb., (2).

Best bout of the night was the opener between Pvts. Bob and Burt Hendricks, twin brothers of Detroit, Mich. Burt was the better fighter and won with ease.

Camp Maxey—Pvt. Bill Grombacher, knocked out Pvt. Cy Stugart in 1:40 of the first round, middleweights. Pvt. Irish Mike O'Connell of Detroit, T.K.O. over Pvt. Arlia Rogers of Elk City, Okla., (2), welterweights. Pvt. John Kirch decisioned Pvt. Gar Van Dine, (3). Pvt. Calvin Deerwestern knocked out Pvt. Robert Candell, (2), heavyweights. In another bout the special service office disqualified Pvts. James Miles and Chris Wood, for not trying.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

THERE have been too many cases in recent months in which boxers have failed to put forth their best efforts, causing the bouts to be halted and declared no-contest, etc. Such performances have resulted in one or both of the contestants being fined or suspended, or both, which is probably a just penalty in peace times, when such an offense does no greater harm than short-change the public, or give the game another black eye. But during these days of all-out war, such performances are little short of criminal.

How can boxers climb into a ring during these times and not fight to the utmost of their ability or to the last ounce of their physical strength? Haven't they any conscience? Any patriotism? Something should be done to impress on these ungrateful birds that while they are enjoying a freedom to live their normal lives, hundreds of their fellow boxers are spilling their blood in foreign lands to make just such freedom possible. While hundreds of our boxers are lying on the muddy fields of Europe, preliminary fighters at home are being used in main events. While hundreds of our boxers are wallowing in the swamps of South Sea islands, the lucky ones at home are being paid large purses to exert themselves for a few minutes some evening.

We here at home need the recreation, and we do not begrudge this "break" that the boxers at home are getting, but let them appreciate the freedom they are enjoying and be thankful for the opportunity to give out with their very best efforts every time they answer the bell. In most of these cases, the excuses of these "loafing" contestants have been that they "weren't in proper condition" or they "were not feeling well." Even in peace time, they should be ashamed to advance such feeble excuses for a poor showing, as real fighters have, on numerous occasions, fought stubbornly to the end of a contest, although having busted a hand, or having suffered a broken jaw or nose early in the bout.

This writer, as a promoter of amateur boxing, has been hit below the belt by conniving enemies of the sport many times in recent years, so I have long desired to get out of a game where I have been subjected to these knife-throwers. I have been on the verge of closing my club on numerous occasions, but when persuaded to think it over, I always decide to stay with it a while longer, for there are so few clubs and such a shortage of talent I fully realize that every promotion, no matter how small, is vitally needed if we are to keep the sport alive until the war is over. But no matter how great the scarcity of talent, every boxer who fails to put forth his very best efforts during these days of war should be suspended for life, and every cent of his purse should be donated to some war relief agency. Yes, in every single case, even if it meant the closing of every arena in the country. We owe it to those hundreds of boxers on the battle fronts.

That Mexican youth with the Irish moniker, Nick Moran, has gone and done it again. Last month he put a blank look on the faces of the Hollywood fans by icing Bobby Yeager, a 2-to-1 favorite, in the first round, and now he has the Los Angeles faithful talking to themselves by holding John Thomas, a 3-to-1 choice, to a draw.

The scrap, a ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic, was a hard-fought affair that kept the 8000 fans highly excited throughout. It was a rather close scrap and the draw verdict of Referee Bill Kershner and one of the judges met with the approval of the crowd, whose sympathies, as usual, were with the underdog. One judge voted in favor of Thomas, an opinion shared by this writer. However, it was so close that no great injustice was done the clever Negro boxer.

Moran waged an aggressive fight and landed the most effective blows, having the slender Negro hurt on more than one occasion. In fact, in the fourth round, the Mexican gave John quite a pummeling. Moran tried hard to repeat that blitzkrieg in the fifth, sixth and seventh rounds, but Nick had lost some of his steam and the best that he could do in those three hard-fought cantos was to hold Thomas on even terms. Those four furiously contested rounds sapped much of the Mexican's stamina and he dropped the final three heats to Thomas, which, along with the first three, gave John a total of six rounds to his credit. Thomas, a bit over his best weight, came in at 139; Moran weighed 140.

Bobby Jackson, 132, Denver, now boarding with Uncle Sam, a member of the Army Air Corps, added a nice name to his string of wins by defeating Abel Lucero, 133, Fresno, in the six-round semi. Jackson was credited with five of the rounds, but had to weather some stormy moments, the result of making contact with Lucero's potent left hooks.

In the four-rounders, Julio Franco, 136, Bakersfield, bested Torpedo Reed, 139, Watts; Steve Ludman, 190, decisioned Leonard Nix, 175; Sonny Hill, 137, outpointed Bucky O'Connor, 136; Frankie Lieberman, 132, K.O.'ed Bob Ingram, 139, in the second heat.

Al Jordan, Kansas City Negro heavyweight, made a short job of Paul Hartnek in a scheduled ten-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum, disposing of the Omaha veteran in the second round. Hartnek, plainly out of shape, had no business in the ring with Jordan, who is not only a good fighter, but one trained by Duke Holloway of Los Angeles, and that means—in condition.

Hartnek rushed Jordan at the opening bell, but his attack got little results and he was soon exhausted from his efforts. Paul was felled early in the second from a series of lefts and rights, and soon after regaining his feet he was again decked from another barrage of blows, where he remained for the full count.

In three six-rounders, Frank Calzo, San Diego middleweight, jabbed out a win over Kid Lester; Torito Ramos, 137, Tia Juana, outpunched Marino Sanchez, 144; Ray Montoya, 128, defeated Angel Lopez. In the opener, Art O'Dowd, Tia Juana lightweight, decisioned Joe Corona in four.

A clash between Raul Zenit of Mexico and Eddie Hudson of San Francisco at the Hollywood Stadium was stopped in the sixth heat and awarded to the Mexican (technically) because of a cut over his left eye, caused by an accidental butt. After the club physician had decided that the cut was too serious for Zenit to continue, Referee Benny Whitman raised Zenit's glove and then explained his actions to the crowd, stating that the Mexican was leading on points at the time of the accident, therefore, according to Commission rules, should be declared winner.

Hudson had copped two of the rounds by putting on a few spurts, but trailed in three others because of his lethargy, during which time Zenit gave the Negro boxer a beating about the body. Raul was having the better of the sixth when Hudson rushed in with head down and the top of Eddie's conk collided with the Latin's optic, causing the wound that put an end to the bout. Zenit came in at 138; Hudson at 134.

Bobby Jackson, 131, up-and-coming Air Corps fighter of Colorado, added Pee Wee Lewis, 125, Baltimore Negro, to his list of "guys I can lick," and he did it in a manner that it is seldom done—by kayo. Jackson easily copped the first two rounds by jabbing Lewis at will, then spilled the little Negro gamester with a right to the jaw in the third. Pee Wee arose at the count of six, but was in a groggy condition and another left and right put him back in the resin for the fatal ten.

Other results: Allen Arnett, 171, stopped Tommy Anderson, 172, in the first; Fidel Aguilar, 128, defeated Stanley Jamison, 129, in four; Bob Farris, 150, T.K.O.'ed Doll Nelson, 152, in the second; Alonzo Williams, 153, decisioned Al Williams, 155, in four.

Eddie Marcus, handsome Los Angeles lightweight, chalked up a nice win just before donning Uncle Sam's uniform. Marcus stopped Neva Esparza of Mexico in the ninth round at the Ocean Park Arena, on the eve of his entering the service. Marcus weighed 136; Esparza, 137.

In remaining bouts: Anicito Madrid, 127, defeated Pee Wee Swingler, 121 (4); Charley Early, 144, K.O.'ed Jack Cooper, 154 (4); Dick Kells won over Bob Hawkins, 160 (4); Eddie Ryan, 148, and Larry Lehman, 157, drew (4); Ardis Mack, 192, iced Bill Parks, 190 (3).

Well, they have started kicking that state 175-pound title around again. Watson Jones was presented with a belt emblematic of the California championship the night he stopped Fitzie Fitzpatrick. But the Negro playboy keeps his pants up with some fancy suspenders, so he didn't overtax himself in his first defense of the belt, and has lost possession of it to Jack Chase. I do not mean to imply that Jones could have whipped Chase, a natural middleweight, by making greater effort, for I doubt that Watson would cop a win over Jack even if they were to meet again and again.

But Jones should have made a greater effort to score a kayo by tearing into his clever foe. Of course, Watson did force the fight, but it was more of a stalking maneuver and Chase is too fast of foot for that type of offense. Only in three rounds, the sixth, eighth and tenth, did Jones put on the necessary heat to corner his elusive opponent and land some telling blows. The fight (which isn't what most of the customers called it) was a 15-rounder, staged at the Los Angeles Olympic, with Chase winning the unanimous decision.

Chase made a smart fight (for Chase), continually stabbing Jones with a left while retreating, only stopping long enough to cross a right occasionally. This was the pattern throughout and there was so little excitement to the bout that the weakest of hearts could have been at ringside without the slightest danger of an extra tremor. Chase could not be expected to slug it out with Jones, but since Jack easily avoided Watson and most always found a parking place for a solid right, the Negro veteran should have done less running and pumped in that right more often. He owed it to the cash customers. Chase weighed 162½; Jones, 173.

Ray Acosta, 170, the "papa" of the local fight brigade, put the crowd to buzzing by icing Sgt. Gaston Miller, 171, of the Army Air Force, in the first round of the semi-windup, with a terri[fic] right to the button

In remaining prelims: Johnny Briscoe, 205, an[d] Ardis Mack, 190, brawled to a four-round dra[w]. Briscoe was down for nine in the second, an[d] neither battler could lift his hands at the finis[h]. Alonzo Williams, 154, and Willie Collins, 15[.] drew in four; Dave Barrios, 127, K.O.'ed Pe[e] Wee Swingler, 124, in the second heat; Bo[b] Hawkins, 156, and Sidney Franklin, 154, ende[d] up in a dead heat.

Eddie Hudson, San Francisco Negro lightweig[ht] decisioned Augie Jiminez of Mexico in a te[n-] rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. Jimin[ez] started out as though he were engaged in [a] finish fight and had all winter in which to w[in] it, so, while in this lethargic condition, Hudso[n] boxed his ears off. But in the sixth frame th[e] Mexican came to life and from there on, fough[t] it out with Hudson toe to toe, and in most in[-] stances it was Eddie who gave ground. Th[ey] battled on about even terms in the last half [of] the go, but Jiminez ended up far behind on poin[ts] which Hudson piled up in the first five roun[ds] while the Mexican was doing his watchful waitin[g].

Other results: Bert White, 124, Chicago Negr[o] chilled Ray Montoya, 128, San Diego, in the fourt[h] round with a right to the jaw; Titus Hawkin[s] San Diego light-heavy, climbed off the floor [in] the fourth to earn a draw with Allen Arnett [of] Los Angeles in a six-rounder; Torito Ramos an[d] Jimmy Fox went to a "technical" draw, the bout being halted in the fourth heat when F[ox] suffered a torn ear. The injury was caused by [a] legitimate blow, so the referee's reasoning w[as] somewhat of a puzzle, as the situation seem[ed] to call for a T.K.O. verdict to Ramos. Sal Sanch[ez] decisioned Tippy Larson in four.

Mike Delia is still a bad boy! The temperamen[tal] Italian, who could be one of the country's be[st] lightweights IF, was tossed out of the ring [in] the seventh round of his bout with Cleo Sha[ns] for "not trying." Delia was making this "perso[nal] appearance" at the Hollywood Stadium, where [a] few weeks previous he had waged a thriller. Mi[ke] was an inconsistent performer before he left th[ese] shores, but because of his success in Eastern ring[s] we thought that he might have mended his wa[ys]. But no; he is the same old Mike, who fights [or] loafs, just as his fancy suits him, and is alwa[ys] ready to slug the person who reprimands him f[or] his actions. Maybe a few "work-outs" in one [of] Uncle Sam's uniforms would be of help to him.

Oh yes, the fight. Sorry. Well, Shans made [his] usual aggressive scrap and it was no fault of h[is] that the go turned out to be a dud. Or, was [it]? Probably Shans' two-fisted body attack had m[uch] to do with Delia's "loafing" in the closing hea[ts], for Mike wasn't in fit condition and Cleo's punch[es] to the body caused the Italian much grief. Del[ia] garnered the first three rounds by doing so[me] fighting, then went "on strike" in the fourth a[nd] made little effort to earn his money the rest [of] the way, although Referee Abe Roth repeated[ly] warned him to fight—or else.

Delia, the 2-to-1 favorite, is faster, a bet[ter] boxer and a much harder puncher than Shans, a[nd] since he had not been hurt, or had not complain[ed] of injuring his hands, Roth could see no reas[on] for allowing the one-man contest to contin[ue]. (The fans had been tossing "bouquets" to Mi[ke] in the form of peanuts, programs, etc.) So, t[he] referee halted the affair and declared it "no co[n-] test," which didn't seem fair to Shans, who w[as] trying, and, I believe, should have been given t[he] decision. Shans weighed 133; Delia, 134.

In the semi, Ralph Lara, 130, Pasadena, prov[ed] that there is only one good fighter in the Zur[ita] family when he disposed of Manuel, youn[ger] brother of Juan, in the third round. Lara dropp[ed] Zurita for six in the second heat, and twice [in] the third before the visitor was counted out.

In the four-rounders: Rebel Ryan, 163, w[on] from Larry Martin, 160; Henry Zamora, 1[..] decisioned Lou Bernal, 134; Elmer Lewis, 1[..] bested Tommy Hodges, 150; Benny Black, 1[..] and Wilford Scott, 141, drew.

Tito Despaigne, the iron-fisted battler fr[om] Panama, punched out a hard-earned decision o[ver] Don Lee, the lion-hearted ex-soldier of Inglew[ood] in a ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena.

In supporting bouts: Lou Bernal, 131, and B[ert] White, 128, fought a draw (4); Bob Hawki[ns] 157, K.O.'ed Sidney Franklin, 154 (2); Bour[..] Murphy, 142, stopped Jimmy Lawrence, 139 (.); Pete Lewis, 128, T.K.O.'ed Tony Mendez, 1[..] (3); Will Scott, 140, dumped Walt Hus[..] 138 (4).

He's in again! Yes, and again deflating t[he] reputations of some good heavyweights. Rememb[er] him, the Negro skyscraper of Chicago? The s[ix-] and-one-half-foot octopus who ties 'em up as tho[ugh] they "were all bound 'round with a woolen string". The Negro stringbean who steps over, instead [of] through, the ropes, and whose extended left gl[ove] keeps his opponents on the other side of the rin[g]. Clayton Worlds, of course!

Matchmaker Babe McCoy of the Los Ange[les]

Olympic had been finding it difficult to round up heavies brave enough to face Al Hart's pulverizing wallop. Then Babe looked up, and there was Worlds, ready and willing to again prove that a murderous puncher isn't deadly if he has no place to park the dynamite. It was Clayton who put a crimp in Turkey Thompson's rep by going the route with him a year ago, at a time when the Turk was headed for bigger (not taller) things.

Worlds won the unanimous decision over Hart the Worlds way, jabbing, back-pedaling and clinching. However, Clayton also stood his ground on numerous occasions and, believe it or not, landed the most damaging blows of the contest. Only in the fourth heat did it appear that Hart might do what is expected of a 5-to-1 favorite, when big Al got to his lanky foe with solid blows to both head and body.

But Clayton came right back in the fifth and shook up the Negro giant with a couple of rights to the jaw. Although Worlds copped at least seven of the ten rounds, the fight was really much closer than that, for Hart forced the milling throughout and Clayton's points were lessened because of hit, run and hold tactics. Worlds scaled 197; Hart, 220.

In the prelims: Abel Lucero, 136, won handily over Torpedo Reed, 138, in six; Al Brooks, 173, beat Leonard Nix, 174, in four; Alonzo Williams, 154, copped his weekly decision over Al Williams, 157, in four; Will Jones, 144, decisioned Wilford Scott, 139, in four; Augie Rodriguez, 117, who keeps in condition by fighting Mickey Romo, 119, chalked up another win over the latter.

Jack Chase, 161, transplanted Coloradoan, disposed of Kid Hermosillo, 173, Mexico, in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. The Mexican proved to be a brave soul, but apparently had never been advised that "discretion is the better part of valor."

Hermosillo showed no fear of Chase's reputation and carried the battle to his Negro foe for four rounds and proved quite formidable, keeping the going rather close. But the picture changed completely in the fifth when Chase hurt the Keed with a solid right to the whiskers. The blow dazed the Mexican and he receipted for a bad pasting the rest of the round. A hard right to the chin early in the sixth caused Hermosillo to sag and Chase followed it up with a left to the 'ellybay to complete the job.

Rebel Ryan, 164, blond slugger of Georgia, decisioned Art Taylor in a six-rounder; Titus Hawkins of San Diego won over Allen Arnett, 170, Los Angeles, in six; Roy Parker decisioned Joe Corona; Buddy Mathis stopped Sal Sanchez in two.

After shadow-boxing for 15 minutes, running through the multiplication tables, reading tea leaves and looking over maps—I finally decided that Luis Castillo should be placed above Tony Olivera in my 1944 California ratings. Now along comes Olivera and in 30 minutes makes a sap out of me. (All right, then, nature did that many years ago.) And it serves me right, for I should turn my bad ear when Gus Wilson is talking. And I must get the picture of that Ortiz-Castillo second round out of my memory.

Well, what happened was that Olivera was the unanimous winner over Castillo in ten rounds of fast action at the Hollywood Stadium. But Tony had to weather a stormy night before he emerged the winner. Castillo surely looked like the one for the first half of the go, spilling Olivera for a six-count in the opening round, and making the 'Frisco boxer's knees buckle in the fifth. Luis had landed many hard punches in the first five heats and he was credited with every round, but the tireless Portuguese boxer stood up well under the rough going, while Castillo tired from the fast pace, as do all those muscular, powerfully-built little fellows.

Olivera became the leading man in the sixth. Luis had slowed down to a walk and Tony turned on the heat, staging a relentless body attack. He kept his stocky foe so busy trying to protect his tummy that Castillo couldn't launch another offensive, so Olivera copped the last five heats and the decision. Tony tipped the beam at 121; Castillo at 118.

In the eight-round semi-windup, Rene DeLeon, 147, windmilling Mexican, pounded out a win over Ike Blair, 147, El Centro Negro. DeLeon kept up a relentless attack which had Ike on dizzy street much of the time. The go developed into a regular brawl when both sluggers resorted to "mustn't do" tactics. Rene pushed Ike through the ropes, and Blair defended himself with his feet. Some fun!

In the fours, Bob Farris, 149, bested Russ Long, 156; Al Williams, 160, decisioned Frankie Valdez, 165. The team of Benny Cousins-Augie Rodriguez opened the show. It was Cousins' turn to win.

Eli Golindo turned the tables on Jorge Robles in a rematch at the Ocean Park Arena, to hand the Mexican bantam his first loss on this side of the border. It was a close, hard-fought scrap all the way, with both boys being on the floor. Golindo came up off the deck from an eight-count in the ninth to put his tormentor in the dust for nine seconds to even up the embarrassment. They were neck-and-neck going into the tenth, but Golindo had something left in this final heat that Robles didn't have and Eli got the nod. Each weighed 119.

In supporting bouts, Al Williams, 160, decisioned Jack Cooper, 156 (4); Joey Savidan, 138, won over Bourbon Murphy, 142 (4); Bill Lisoni, 166, K.O.'ed Bilbo Smith, 171 (1); Benny Cousins, 112, decisioned Mickey Romo, 118 (4); Harry Wills, 170, stopped Tommy Anderson, 171 (3).

Leon Zorrita again proved that a good fighter is a good fighter only so long as his legs hold out. The clever Negro veteran made a sucker of Vincent Villavicencio of Mexicali for five rounds of their ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. The shifty Negro moved in and out, making Villa (for short) miss more than a weather forecaster, during which time Leon was chalking up a big lead, mostly with sizzling left hooks to the body.

But after five rounds of this fast action, "ole rockin' chair" slowed Zorrita's footwork down to a walk, which gave the game Mexican the chance to get in close and rough it up. Villa outmauled Leon in the late rounds, but he was so tired (that Mexicali brewery sure turns out a good beer) that he clinched much of the time, so the rounds could hardly be scored in his favor, hence Zorrita pulled in far in the lead. Each weighed 160.

In another scheduled ten-rounder, Joe Robleto stopped Dave Barrios in the fourth round. This was a sizzler while it lasted. Barrios, probably realizing he was overmatched, was intent on winning by a K.O. if possible, and he almost sank Robleto with body blows in the opening round. However, Joe came back in the second heat to stagger Barrios with hard blows to the head, but Dave was laying it on Robleto as the round ended.

They slugged it out all during the third, but the bell found Barrios dead tired. Robleto dropped Dave for a nine-count early in the fourth, and when the inexperienced fighter arose in a weakened condition and bleeding from a cut eye, Referee Georgie Goodman did not consider him fit to continue, and awarded Robleto a T.K.O. win. Each weighed 128.

In three four-rounders, Sonny Hill, 134, pulled a surprise when he iced Abel Lucero, 133, in the second canto; Al Williams, 160, won handily over Art Santelli, 165, badly out of shape; Eddie Jackson, 203, bested Steve Ludman, 190.

Eddie Hudson of San Francisco was awarded a technical win over Cleo Shans of Brawley in the eighth round of their clash at the San Diego Coliseum. Referee Chick Raines declared Hudson the winner when the club physician stated that Hudson's eye was too badly cut for him to continue. The referee claimed that the gash was caused by a butt and that Hudson was far ahead on points at the time. However, the referee neglected to check with the two judges, both of whom had tabbed Shans as being in the lead.

It was a vicious fight. Shans kept boring into close quarters, with Hudson nailing Cleo with solid rights to the head as Shans came charging in, but the Brawley brawler weathered them without giving ground. Hudson was slowing down from a body attack in the late rounds, but it was the opinion of the crowd that it was anybody's fight at the time it was halted. Each weighed 136.

Gregorio Escalona of Mexico pounded out a win over Jimmy Vance, blond sailor of Alhambra, in a heavy-hitting six-rounder. Vance, ten pounds heavier than his opponent, forced the milling, but Escalona counter-punched his way to victory.

Angel Lopez K.O.'ed Tippy Larson in the third of a scheduled six-rounder that was full of action as far as it went. A left to the body and a right on the jaw did it.

Billy Williams won over Winston Allen in four.

Bobby Yeager expunged a stain from his escutcheon (that Bill Miller will be the death of me) by outpointing Nick Moran in an exciting ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. It was Moran, the up-and-coming Mexican, who raised Manager Gus Wilson's blood pressure and caused local boxing fans to talk over back fences, by chilling Yeager, clever Negro boxer, in the first round, a month previous.

In this "prove it, or forget it" return go, both were out to score a knockout and each was treated to trips to the canvas. Yeager scored the first knockdown, depositing Moran on the floor with a right to the whiskers just before the bell ended the first round. The fireworks really started in the second. Yeager nailed Nick with a right to the jaw that put the Mexican down for an eight-count. Moran came up off the floor to deck Bobby with a right. Yeager scrambled to his feet and the two slugged it out to the end of the round, with Moran appearing to have a bit the better of the exchanges.

After these "scares" both boys took a little better care of their chins, although Moran landed some solid punches in the fourth, and Yeager dished out considerable punishment in the ninth. Neither fighter was in serious trouble in the late rounds, although the setto continued to be closely contested, with Bobby chalking up the most points on his superior boxing. Yeager scaled 139; Moran, 140.

Sgt. Gaston Miller, 171, T.K.O.'ed Lane Hale, 169, in the 5th round of the semi-windup. It was a bruising affair between two heavy hitters, with the Sarge possessing the toughest armor. Miller floored Hale twice in the second round and had him out on his feet at the end of the fifth, at which point Referee Frank Holborow intervened.

In the four-rounders: Fidel Aguilar, 129, defeated Henry Zamora, 128; Jack Kramer, 169, won by T.K.O. over Jack Bailey, 170, in the second; Benny Cousins, 112, stopped Mickey Romo, 118, in the third; Roosevelt Dancer, 136, eliminated Walt Huston, 135, in three.

Roy Miller, Kansas City Negro, came from behind to decision Ray Acosta, Los Angeles Mexican, in a hard-fought ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Acosta put Miller on the canvas for a 5-count in the fifth, but the young Negro battler staged a fast finish to win a close decision. Each weighed 167.

Other results: Joey Savidan, 138, decisioned Bourbon Murphy, 142 (4); Frankie Calzo, 153, stopped Johnny Freitas, 160 (1); Bill Lisoni, 166, won over Harry Wills, 169 (4); Will Jones, 143, K.O.'ed Eddie Ezzell (?), 139 (2); Russ Metcalf, 176, sent Bilbo Smith, 173, to the showers in the second.

If Fitzie Fitzpatrick made any New Year's pledges about not knocking over those "soft touches" in the first round, he, like most of us, broke his good resolutions within 48 hours. At any rate, Fitzie started 1945 off with another one of those "quickies" that he became famous for in 1944, by disposing of Gregorio Gonzales of Mexico, in just 23 seconds of the scheduled 10-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. Since it requires 10 seconds to count a fighter out, the reader can see how little action the crowd received for their money in this affair.

Gonzales was given a big build-up, being labeled "Mexico's heavyweight champion," "The Mexican dive-bomber" (wonder who added the "bomber" to that line?), "The Joe Louis of Mexico," etc. (Ye Gawds, what did Joe Louis ever do to rate that?) As a heavyweight, Gregorio wasn't even a healthy light-heavy, and as to ability, well, if he ever had any, he left it below the Border, or was too frightened to match it against the heavy-hitting Irishman.

Fitzie came out at the opening bell a la Fitzpatrick—fighting. He tossed a few left-hooks and Gonzales went down from one of them, where he remained (registering pain) for the count. Oh yes, Gregorio made a couple of feeble gestures, about as determined resistance as a homely old maid would make against a handsome young man. Each weighed 168.

For the good of California boxing, I trust that we are not to be treated to a flock of these brief fiascos this year, as we were in 1944.

In the semi, John Donnelly, 186, a Negro boxer who is getting bigger and better with each start, punched Mike O'Grady, 208, for six straight rounds. O'Grady, in poor condition, receipted for a bad beating, going the route on gameness alone.

In the four-rounders: Harry Wills, 170, defeated Russ Metcalf, 179; Wilford Scott, 140, decisioned Bourbon Murphy, 138; Bob Farris, 150, bested Johnny Meadows, 150; Pee Wee Swingler, 116, T.K.O.'ed Augie Rodriguez, 114, in the third.

A few 1944 observations:

Although California was treated to a number of quick knockouts, one-sided matches and "no-contest" affairs during the past year (due to the scarcity and temperament of talent these days), this state was also the battle-ground of some great action fights. I dug up no less than a dozen thrilling scraps during those twelve months. The three fights that I pick as the best of the year are:

John Thomas-Henry Armstrong at Los Angeles Olympic; Manuel Ortiz-Carlos Chavez at Hollywood Ball Park; Fitzie Fitzpatrick-Watson Jones at Los Angeles Olympic.

However, three other scraps that were probably just as good (depending on where you were sitting), were:

Henry Armstrong-Slugger White at Hollywood Stadium; Willie Joyce-Henry Armstrong at San Francisco Civic Auditorium; John Thomas-Willie Joyce at Los Angeles Olympic.

And again, many fans and sport scribes might correctly claim that any one of the six other bouts not listed here were just as thrilling as any of those I have listed, so, it can be seen that we Californians did get some action for our money in 1944.

The best prospect to perform in our rings during the year was Major Jones, baby-faced Negro of Kansas City. I first saw this Negro kid in the Golden Gloves at Chicago a year ago. He was stopped from boxing in this state because of his age, being only 17 years of age. Jones was competing in tournaments in Kansas City when only 15.

The next "most likely to succeed" was Bobby Jackson (I'll tell you his real name some time), a lightweight from Colorado, who is in the Army and has been stationed out here for over a year.

The biggest upset of the year (we had many of them), was Perk Daniels, a 15-to-1 shot, winning over Turkey Thompson. However, Leo Rodak's victory over Willie Joyce, and Al Hart's win over Turkey Thompson, caused almost as much of a surprise.

The best fighter to perform in our amateur rings was Morris Corona, twice a National Golden Gloves winner, now in the Navy and stationed at Long Beach. Three other local amateur scrappers who appear to have the stuff are Rod Fobela, 130; Jimmy Shans, 150 (brother of Cleo), and Jay Wall, 160.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Sgt. Angelo Gileno, Sailor George Nolan, Sailor Lloyd Knerr, Sgt. Charlie Kaiser, Sailor Preston Fusilier and Sailor Harry Slajer, all of whom are stationed somewhere in the South Pacific. To Pvt. Louie Robles in Burma; Sgt. Richard Fusilier in Europe; Sgt. Leo McCormack, North Pacific; Sailor Warren Spaw, Sailor Carl Russell, Sailor Gene Pezaros, Sailor Dale Thompson, Sailor Harold Hanson, New Orleans; Sailor Charlie

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BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

WILLIE SCHULKIN

JAMES F. BYRNES, War Mobilization Director, clamped down on the Sport of Kings—Racing. His recent edict doing away with racing until things look a bit better on the war front, came as a blow to veteran followers of the track. Some of the men associated with the game, however, should feel a bit ashamed for their expressions on the ban. Jockeys like Bobby Permane, Ted Atkinson and a few others of the leaders in their field, were quoted as saying they would now take a long rest.

Permane asked, "What good could I do in a war plant?" Permane went on to say, "All I know is racing, there isn't anything that I know how to do in a factory."

Atkinson stated, "I'll take a much needed rest, do a little fishing, and ride some to keep in shape."

Eddie Arcaro—"I'll play golf—that keeps your legs strong."

Fortunately, most jockeys are not thinking along those lines.

Does Permane think that our boys over in Cassino were experienced killers plying their trade? Over on the European front the fight to save Democracy has turned out to be the survival of the fittest. It's a case of dog eat dog. Our boys had to be taught to fight just the same as certain jockeys could be taught to work. Is that asking too much?

Boxing as a whole has been doing its part and will continue to do its part in the war effort. Of course, the usual howl has gone up about the number of boxers who have been discharged from the service. But the discharge was given to them by medical officers who deemed them unfit. Larry Bolvin, New England Featherweight Champion, recently came out with a statement that he would like to continue his boxing career, but his job as a shipfitter in a shipyard near Providence, R. I., came first. Therefore, he has decided to call it quits, temporarily. Now there's a patriotic gesture.

Gus Lesnevich, Light-heavyweight Champion of the World, has not seen active ring competition since March 11, 1942, when he lost a ten-round decision to Jimmy Bivins in Cleveland. Since then he has taken part in one exhibition bout in Wilmington, Del., on October 22, 1943. Lesnevich did not know anything about combat when he was accepted for service. Three major bouts of his were cancelled at the last minute by the war department. Gus lost thousands of dollars by these last minute cancellations, but nobody yet has heard a single peep out of Gus. There's a real champion for you!

Joe Louis, Heavyweight Champion, Freddie (Red) Cochrane, Welterweight titleholder, and Tony Zale, Middleweight boss, are men of whom we are proud. They have not defended their respective titles since joining the service. For a while some scheming promoters tried to drum up the idea of a "Duration" titleholder in these divisions but their efforts were in vain. The public remembered the real champs, those in active service. Let's pull together boys—Let's go.

Paul Hartnek, heavyweight boxer and a former Creighton University football star, is now serving as a boys' supervisor, boxing and swimming instructor at Boys' Town, Father Flanagan's institution for homeless boys. Hartnek has been a professional boxer for seven years.

HAWAIIAN MEMORIES . . . Received a beautiful Christmas card from Bob Sawtelle, one of the leading referees in Honolulu. . . . Bob forwards the information that he is now President of the A.A.U. of Hawaii. . . . Good for you, Bob! . . . Glad to see you getting along so nicely. . . . Also received one of the oddest Christmas invitations from my good friend Lt. Comdr. J. Donovan Flint of Pearl Harbor. . . . J. D. is certainly the kidder, though. . . . How does he expect me to attend a party in Honolulu almost 6,000 miles away? . . . Sorry, J. D., some other time, mebbe.

Even though I wasn't able to attend the Christmas party, I did have a little get-together right here in little old New York. . . . Ran into a bunch of the kids I met when I was enjoying my stay in Honolulu. . . . "Chicken" Kawaoka, chief trainer of the "Sad Sam" Ichinose stable, dropped into THE RING office to say hello. . . . We spent a few pleasant hours cutting up old touches. . . . I was more than glad to show the boys around New York. . . . These lads, now full grown men in the service of Uncle Sam's Army, on their very first day in New York, took in Chinatown, Greenwich Village, Harlem, Stillman's Gym and the Glamour Street of the world—The Great White Way. . . . The following night they were my guests at Madison Square Garden where they took in the Fritzie Zivic-Billy Arnold fracas. . . . Fritzie showed them a style of fighting they'd never seen before. . . . Fritzie was at his "cutiest" best and gave them a demonstration that they'll long remember.

Well, well, who popped up on the scene at the Garden—no other than Moe Lipton, well-known sports promoter of Honolulu. . . . Moe insisted on taking "Chicken" and the boys "night-clubbing" and of all the places. The Hawaiian Room of the Hotel Lexington. . . . The kids just ate it up and were ga-ga all evening. . . . Saturday night found Willie and his Hawaiian Troupe in Brooklyn where we took in the fights at the Ridgewood Grove. . . . The kids were given a great hand by the crowd. . . . These boys were in on a five-day furlough and I tried to make their stay in New York as pleasant as possible. . . . Met Jimmy Judge, in on a thirty day furolugh and when his time came to go back, we parted rather reluctantly. . . . Just as he left, in pops his fighter Augie Flowers, who had also managed to get a thirty day leave. . . . Augie was a bit disappointed to learn that he had just missed his old buddy, Jimmy Judge. . . . However, Augie hasn't got much more to go on his thirty day pass and will shortly be sunning himself once again on the beach at Waikiki. . . . What a racket!!

Ace Detective Mike Stark would like to be remembered to his many friends in the sporting world. Mike did quite a bit of boxing in his younger days and held three amateur boxing titles about thirty years ago. In the professional ranks, Mike acquitted himself nobly against our leading boys in the welterweight division. Tempus Fugit. All this took place about 25 to 30 years ago. . . . Detective Stark is now posted in and around the Chinatown District and is doing a swell job.

Eastern boxing circles were amazed at recent developments on the West Coast. Far be it from us to take a slam at the Beak Bashing industry, but it does seem that various boxers throughout the country are doing their darndest to bite the hand that feeds them. Down in New Orleans Vince Dell 'Orto called it quits to Guy Serean in the first round with hardly a punch being thrown. Dell 'Orto claimed he injured his arm and the fans almost rioted.

On the West Coast Cocoa Kid, a middleweight who is capable of giving all top-notchers in his division a run for their money, did not give the fans a run for their dough when he was accused of "taking a dive" in a bout in San Francisco. The Kid was down in the third round and the referee decided he'd seen enough and he declared the affair "no-contest." Cocoa Kid was suspended for six months after this miserable showing.

Freddie Dixon, one of the leading welterweights on the Pacific Coast, took part in a bout at Oakland with Cecil Hudson and Hudson was thrown out of the ring for not trying. Hudson was down five times in the sixth round and the referee ruled he was going down without being hit. The bout was declared "no-contest." Two days later, Cleo Shans, one of the leading lightweights in the country, engaged Mike Delia, a lad who had been highly thought of in California rings. Delia was tossed out in the seventh round and the referee, Abe Roth, ruled this bout as a No-Decision affair. Roth later explained that Shans was trying but Delia was not. Had he declared the bout "no-contest," then the principals would not be paid. In this manner Shans was paid for his efforts as he was not at fault.

Delia previously had run out of a pair of matches in the East. Delia was matched with Eddie Hudson at Hollywood and was forced to cancel this match when he "developed" a case of influenza. Maybe I'm wrong, but it is my opinion that "where there's smoke there's fire." I think it's about time the various commissions bore down on Delia and made him realize that contracts are to be lived up to.

Your RING reporter in his travels says. . . . Melio Bettina won a close one from Georgie Parks in Washington, D. C. . . . Parks furnished some unexpected competition and thrilled the fans present. . . . Bettina certainly did get a scare as he entered the ring a 10 to 1 favorite. . . . Jack (Buddy) Walker gave Perk Daniels a boxing lesson in ten rounds at Baltimore. . . . Daniels was the choice of the Wise Boys at 7 to 5. . . . Johnny White lambasted Laurient Bouchard in ten at Laurel Gardens in Newark. . . . Walter "Popeye" Woods turned in a sensational knockout victory in Baltimore at the expense of Ellis Stewart in seven rounds. . . . Stewart was doing quite handy in the fifth and sixth rounds, till he got frisky and took too many liberties. . . . Woods crossed with a terrific right to the jaw which dropped Stewart for a nine count and when Ellis got up, Woods finished him off with another neat right to the jaw causing the referee to step in and put a stop to the fight.

Ross Strickland did a workmanlike job on Howard Bennett in six rounds in Philadelphia. . . . Strickland is only a youngster, but he performs like a veteran. . . . Ossie (Bulldog) Harris, Pittsburgh Negro, scored a nine win over in Brooklyn against Lou Schwartz in eight rounds. . . . Ossie failed to keep up the good work when he entered the ring a 2 to 1 favorite to beat Johnny Finazzo and received a good licking at the hands of Finazzo. . . . Harris made a strong bid along about the fifth and sixth rounds, but Finazzo got his "second wind" in the eighth and was never headed thereafter. . . . Billy Arnold stopped the tough Johnny Jones in four rounds at Philadelphia. . . . Jones was never dropped but caught quite a few punches before the ref decided to call it a day. . . . Jones won a big third round and gave the Arnold backers quite a scare. . . . Teddy Randolph won every round of the full ten against Johnny White in Newark. . . . Eugene Burton administered a trouncing to Dorsey Lay for Dorsey's first defeat of the year 1945.

A guy just doesn't fight for 14 years, win a world's title from a fighter like Henry Armstrong, then get in there to take a licking from an 18-year-old kid. That just about sums up the battle at Madison Square Garden between the wily veteran Fritzie Zivic and his youthful, but green opponent, Billy Arnold of Philadelphia. Zivic won a split decision at the end of eight rounds. Arnold weighed 144 to 153 pounds by Zivic. The hard punching Negro lad seemed to fight in a semi-stupor throughout the contest. He was willing enough, but when he got on the inside, the "Pittsburgh Octopus" went to town. However Billy tried, he was just putty in the hands of the master workman, Fritzie.

The first three rounds were closely contested, with the Pittsburgh vet sort of feeling out his man. Arnold made a fine showing in these early rounds when he was able to catch the old timer with left hooks and right crosses to the chin. Billy forgot about the "old man's downstairs." That was the spot to hit these "cuties," but Arnold tried too hard to make Zivic go out like the previous 28 out of 31 opponents had gone before him.

Rights to the chin "outed" most of Billy's antagonists and Arnold's motto seemed to be "lead kindly right and I will follow." He chased Fritzie from one corner to the other, missing in his anxiety to catch up with his elusive opponent. When Fritzie fell in close, he made sure to give the Negro lad a thorough going over, a bit of a thumb here, a little elbow work there, then a bit of a parting right cross delivered as they were breaking.

In the sixth round, Zivic landed a beautiful left hook to the body which made Arnold grimace with pain. Billy, however, charged right in and kept throwing those "bombs" at his wraithlike opponent. Zivic finished strongly and appeared to be in fine condition as the final bell rang. Fritzie definitely has not made up his mind as to whether or not this was his swan song to the boxing game. He has two tempting offers to box Charley Parham on January 12, in Milwaukee, and then a fat guarantee to go against Juan Zurita on the 23rd in San Antonio. Zivic's future probably will depend on what the army authorities decide back in Camp Normoyle, Texas. The veteran turned in a commendable performance and Arnold, although beaten, was not disgraced.

Here's how the officials voted: Judge Jack Gordon, four rounds to each; Judge Marty Monroe, five to Zivic and three to Arnold, and Referee Arthur Donovan, four rounds to Zivic, two to Arnold and two even. Your RING

reporter scored it as five to Zivic and three to Arnold. 16,923 persons contributed to a gross gate of $57,576 to witness the proceedings. Another tribute to the drawing power of the Pittsburgh veteran.

A highlight of the evening was the introduction in the ring of Harvey Hodgkins, of Hancock Point, Maine. He is the seventeen-year-old kid who spotted the landing of the German saboteurs on our shores and turned the information over to the F.B.I. Sgt. Joe Louis (I guess fight fans remember him) was also introduced and it was a treat to watch how the veteran announcer, Harry Balogh, handled Champ Joe. Balogh, Louis and Hodgkins took pictures from four sides of the ring, and Louis was like putty in the hands of the powerful Balogh who kept pulling him around.

In the prelims, Bobby Smith, 128½, Philadelphia, went to a draw with Pat Demers, 130, Brockton, Mass., in six rounds. Smith was penalized the third round for a low blow. Coolidge Miller, 166, Harlem, swung too viciously for Gene Pinter, 162, McAdoo, Pa., and walked off with the unanimous decision at the end of six rounds. Miller substituted for Jerry La Starza.

Frankie Abrams, 144, Detroit, a stablemate of Fritzie Zivic, looked good in winning a six-round decision from Vic Costa, 141¾, of the Bronx. Costa took quite a licking but never did stop trying and hurt Abrams on a few occasions.

In the opening four, Sal Scilabra, 125¼, Brooklyn, threw plenty of left hooks at Manuel Torres, 128½, Puerto Rico, and was an easy winner at the end of a fast bout.

Billy Grant, 179¾, Negro Spoiler of Orange, N. J., lived up to his reputation in scoring a knockout over Roberto Ramirez, 185½, a gentleman from south of the border, down Mexico way. The finish came in 2:13 of the seventh round with Ramirez gamely trying to beat the count, but Referee Jed Gahan tolled the doleful decimal as Roberto tried to keep an appointment that his feet couldn't keep. Grant tore from his corner at the start of the bout and belabored Ramirez with a wide assortment of punches which had the Mexican reeling right off the bat. When Ramirez did get his bearings, the bout turned into a pier 6 brawl.

Roberto got going in the second round and seemed to have everything under control as he out-boxed his Negro opponent.

In the third round Grant scored with a powerful smash to the jaw of Ramirez, dropping El Gaucho flat on his face. How Roberto Ramirez ever managed to make his feet before ten will always remain a mystery to those fans present. Not only did he manage to beat the count, but he proceeded to give Grant quite an argument, chasing him around the ring with reckless abandon.

Ramirez looked good in the fourth, but his "china-chin" proved his undoing. Towards the end of the round Grant connected on the "crockery" dropping Ramirez for a count of five and when the Mexican got to his feet, he was immediately dropped once more, but this time he disdained to take a count and the bell rang before further damage could be done.

In the fifth and sixth rounds Ramirez looked fairly well and although he was in trouble on more than one occasion, the Mexican gave a good account of himself. Roberto assumed command at the start of the seventh and was having things his own way, when he suddenly got caught with two smashing right crosses which put him out of the picture.

Bobby Giles, 167, a hard-punching light-heavyweight from Buffalo, put veteran Danny Devlin, 178, of Allentown out of the picture when Danny sustained a deep cut on his cheek causing the ref to call a halt in 1:24 of the third round. This was a hard-fought bout and it seemed a shame for Devlin to lose in this manner.

Orlando Ferrara of Stamford, Conn., chased Gene Gregory of New Haven through six rounds and received a draw for his efforts. Both weighed 133.

Eddie Saunders, 160½, Harlem, proved too experienced for Steve Kish, 164½, Garfield, N. J., and the referee was forced to call a halt after 2:51 of the third round. Tommy Gargano, 146, Brooklyn, scored with a right to the jaw and knocked out Carl Olsen, 139½, New Haven, in 2:18 of the first round. Sal Scilabra, 125, West Side, punched too hard for Mickey Polo, 126½, Paterson, N. J., and Mickey was counted out in 1:16 of the opening round. Threatening weather hurt the gate, but this bout was a natural and the show drew $3,658.

Phil Palmer, 139, Vancouver, B.C., had little trouble gaining an eight-round decision from George Larover, 141, Philadelphia, in the top bout at the Ridgewood Grove. Palmer outpointed his opponent all the way and made the fight a one-sided affair.

In two other co-features, Bert Lytell, 152, Fresno, Calif., technically knocked out Henry Jordan, 145, Philadelphia, in the fourth round. Jordan claimed a broken right hand. Steve Riggio, 151, East Side, knocked out Dave Carver, 150, New York, in the sixth round. Riggio got off the floor from two knockdowns to come back and stiffen the Bronx battler in the thrilling encounter.

Tommy Gargano, 149, Brooklyn, beat Jimmy Davis, 155, Youngstown, Ohio, in a sixer and Vinnie Melito, 132, Jamaica, N. Y., technically knocked out Ralph Giffone, 127, Brooklyn, in the first round.

Ossie Harris of Pittsburgh, weighing a plump 167¼, proved too ringwise for Lou Schwartz, 163, Brownsville middleweight, in the feature event of eight rounds at the Broadway Arena. Time and again the much smaller Harris would lead by jumping at his rangy opponent to score with solid left jabs throughout the contest. Schwartz occasionally opened up with a series of left jabs and right crosses, but just as it seemed Lou's attack was taking effect, Schwartz backed up and wasted time by walking around, hitching his trunks and letting Harris recuperate. The decision in favor of Harris was of the split variety, Judge Abe Goldberg casting his vote in favor of Schwartz.

In the semi-final six, Gus Mell, 127¾, Montreal, was held to a draw by Al Pennino, 124¾, Brooklyn, in a finely fought contest. Pennino looked better than he did a few weeks ago when he was outpointed by Mell in the same ring. Al made a stirring rally in the closing two rounds that seemed to entitle him to the honors. The draw decision proved very popular. Leon Kennedy, 145¼, New York, had little trouble winning from Pete Martin, 147¾, New York, in six rounds. Martin was on the deck for nine counts in the first and second rounds, and did well in going the distance.

Mike Konnors, 130, New York, packed too much fighting spirit for Leroy Saunders, 133¾, Harlem, causing the referee to call a halt after 2:23 of the fourth round when Saunders was penalized for continuous holding. This decision automatically gives the win to Konnors by way of the T.K.O. route.

In fours, Charley Howard, 145, Pittsburgh, went to a draw with Jim Kennedy, 149½, Harlem, while Charley (Ace) Howard, 135¼, New York, was forced to weather a stormy third round to win the duke from Hubert Winfield, 134½, Brooklyn. The Howards in these two four-round bouts are not related.

Pete De Ruzza, 152½, Mamaroneck, fought a sizzling draw with J. C. Wilkins, 157¼, of the Bronx, in the eight-round feature event at White Plains. Both boys pitched their best and there was little to choose between them at the end of a torrid go. The three officials voted three ways, one voting for De Ruzza, the second calling it for Wilkins, while the third voted it dead even. With such a difference of opinion, the Westchester County Center now has a return match which would go over big with Westchester fight fans.

In sixes, Earl Mintz, 127½, Newark, knocked out Percy Idlett, 123½, Harlem, in 2:16 of round two. Cosmo Ruggiero, 165, Brooklyn, had little trouble disposing of tall Neal Stokes, 160¼, Detroit Negro, in 1:12 of round two. Bobby Brown knocked out Ralph Tiovelli, 160½, Poughkeepsie, time: 2:32 of the third round. Nunzio Ferrara, 148½, Norfolk, Va., went to a fast draw with Chris (Scotty) Adcock, 147, West Side, and Sal Amoroso, 125¼, Brooklyn, won from Bobby Henry, 131½, West Side.

Quantity or quality? The old question of which should count more in the scoring system of our boxing officials arose at Madison Square Garden as Bobby Ruffin lathered Johnny Greco with a wide variety of punches while Greco bounced dynamite off Ruffin's chin whenever he landed. Roughly speaking, Ruffin scored three to one, yet when Greco landed, it had a jarring effect on the game Irishman.

The first round went to Ruffin by a slight margin as he suceeded in out-boxing his stronger foe. 17,957 fans yelled themselves hoarse as Greco went to town in the second round. Ruffin foolishly stood off and tried to box with his hard-hitting opponent. This is just what the Montrealer needed (lebensraum). All Johnny wants is plenty of leverage to his punches. The Little Powerhouse landed a right cross to the chin of Ruffin which floored Bobby for a "2" count.

When Bobby arose, Greco came tearing after him, all set for the kill. Ruffin had other ideas about the kill and attempted to keep Greco from scoring, smothering the effect of his attack by holding tightly in the clinches. Greco, however, was not to be denied. He half threw and half punched Ruffin into the ropes with such violence that Bobby hit the canvas with a resounding thud and was forced to take advantage of a "7" count before he again made it to his feet. Ruffin tottered around the ring with Greco right after him when the bell came to the rescue. He walked to his corner on wobbly pins.

Greco tore out in the third but met a different Ruffin. Instead of trying to hold Johnny off at long range, Bobby lowered his head a bit, feinted and weaved his way to close quarters and proceeded to outpunch his Montreal rival. This method of fighting Greco proved very effective and Ruffin got quite a hand from the fans for his game come-back. Despite these rallies by Ruffin, Greco was far from out of the picture. The little Canadian kept lashing those steaming right crosses to Bobby's jaw but could not bring Ruffin down. Either Greco was losing his steam, or Ruffin was riding the blows, deadening the effect of these healthy wallops. Be that as it may, those blows sure did look good and when they landed, the boys in the gallery went wild.

The bout went along at this rapid pace and after Greco won a big ninth round, Ruffin came back in high to win even a bigger tenth and final round. The crescendo of cheers that greeted these two gamesters at the end of the contest was deafening. Announcer Harry Balogh, calling off the score cards of the officials, bellowed that Judge Marty Monroe voted five rounds to each.

Then Balogh reeled off Referee Billy Cavanagh's card which awarded the bout to Ruffin by a six rounds to four verdict. Last but not least, Balogh (leave it up to good ole' Harry for the dramatics) came out with the verdict of Judge Frank Forbes, "Four rounds to Greco"—and the crowd went haywire, figuring on a Ruffin victory. Greco ran over to congratulate Ruffin and then Balogh finished up with a "four rounds to Ruffin and two even. The decision is a draw." A correct decision if ever there was one. My score card read five rounds to Ruffin, four to Greco and one even. Harder punching is what counts in my book and Greco shines in that department.

The weights were Ruffin, 137, spotting Greco 6¾ pounds. At $12 tops the boys drew $86,489.25. No telling what a return match between these lads might draw.

Pat Scanlon, 135, Ozone Park, had little trouble whipping Orlando (Babe) Ferrara, 132½, Stamford, Conn., in six rounds. Bobby Smith, 128½, Negro puncher from Philadelphia, scored a four-round knockout win over the unbeaten (this year) Jock Leslie, 126, of Flint, Mich. Doug Carter, 141, Newark Negro, proved too smart for Genaro Rojo, 139½, Los Angeles, winning by a wide margin at the end of six rounds.

Ernie Forte, 151, Providence youngster making his New York debut, looked good in whipping the experienced Saverio Turiello, 153, Italy, in a fast sixer. In the opening four, Sal Scilabra, 123½, Greenwich Village, punched too hard and often for Sal Amoroso, 127½, Brooklyn.

The Ridgewood Grove Sporting Arena featured a card with three eight-rounders. In the feature eight, Maxie Berger, 146½, Montreal, had a close call winning the decision over Vinnie La Salva, 149, of Mount Vernon, N. Y. La Salva is only a youngster and gave a very creditable performance. Vinnie started well, winning the first two rounds with ease. Berger got going in the third round and belted his green foe around at close quarters. The decision was unanimous, but to my way of scoring La Salva made it close enough to be called a draw.

Steve Riggio, 152, returned to active ring warfare after a hitch in the Navy and scored an easy knockout win over Baudelio Valencia, 154½, Mexico, in the second round. The Mexican was nailed with a short right to the jaw as he came tearing in. They counted Baudelio out but this was entirely unnecessary. Valencia would not disappoint New York fans if he should emulate Garbo and say "I vant to go home."

Patsy Giordano, 147¼, Toronto, looked good in winning over Benny Cartegena, 142, in the opening eight. Giordano displayed a fine left hand and plenty of ring savvy. Cartegena was dangerous throughout the contest. In a scheduled six-round bout, Joe (Sandy) Saddler, 125, knocked out Earl Mintz, 128¾, Newark Negro, in the second round and Jim Kennedy, 147¾, Harlem, won a close one from Charley Howard, 145¼, in the opening four-round contest.

Archie Moore, 172½, San Diego Negro, made his New York debut in the feature event at the St. Nicholas Boxing Arena and made his initial start a winning one at the expense of Nate Bolden, 173, Chicago Negro. At the end of ten rounds Moore had piled up a commanding lead, forcing the officials to cast a unanimous vote in his favor. Bolden, who had scored some great victories as a middleweight, did not perform as expected and made a poor showing. Moore entered the ring on the short end of 2-1 odds. Jimmy Johnston, manager of Moore, expects Archie to clean up all light-heavyweight competition in the East.

The semi-final showed Ham Wiloby, 127½, Jamaica, returning to the ring after an absence of six months to score a knockout victory over Jimmy Allen, 126¼, Harlem, in 2:29 of the fourth round. Wiloby looked very good. Six-round bouts showed Burl Charity, 146¼, Youngstown, Ohio, stopping Pete Martin, 150½, of the Bronx, in 2:49 of the third round.

Clyde English, 129¼, British West Indies, had too much on the ball for Gregory Costello, 133, Bronx, and romped off with an easy win. Tony Pellone, 140¼, New York, was awarded the duke over Gunnar Larson, 137, Brooklyn, in a fast six-round bout. In the opening four, Lou Prince, 128¼, Princeton, N. J., scored a minor upset when he defeated Vinnie Melito, 131, Jamaica.

Phil Terranova, former N.B.A. Featherweight Champ, displayed his wares at the Broadway Arena in the feature attraction scheduled for eight rounds. His opponent, Leo Francis, did not provide much competition and was knocked out in the second round.

Terranova opened rather cautiously and seemed content to outbox his heavier opponent in the first round. In the second, Phil opened up and shot a left hook to the jaw followed by a right cross to the same spot. Francis went down, but regained his feet at the count of five. Terranova chased Francis into a corner where he subjected Leo to a two-fisted attack which kept the game Francis in the corner for more than a full minute.

Referee Al Berl, seeing the helpless state Francis was in, stopped the bout at this stage and awarded the bout to Terranova by a knockout after 2:50 of the second round. Terranova weighed 127¾, spotting his opponent 8¼ pounds. Terranova is fighting in the best form of his career and is improving with every start.

Sid Haber, 139½, Brownsville, met his old friend Hubert Winfield, 134, Brooklyn, and won the decision after six bristling rounds of action. Winfield was dropped for a "9" count in the second round. Leo Romanelli, 146, South Brooklyn, had an easy time disposing of Billy Napper, 149½, Seattle, Wash., in the second round of a scheduled

six-round bout. Napper claimed an injured left hand and could not come out for the third round.

Irving Palefsky, 147½, the Bronx, won a gruelling bout from Jerry McGee, 152, Augusta, Ga., in six rounds. In two scheduled four-round bouts, Frankie Jordan, 148½, Brooklyn, knocked out Jimmy Mazzio, 143½, the Bronx, in 2:58 of the first round and Eddie Saunders, 161½, New York, knocked out Neal Stokes, 163, Detroit, in 2:40 of the initial canto.

Rocky Graziano made a valiant try at it, but failed in his second attempt in trying to get past his nemesis, Harold Green. Maybe if the Rock tries long enough, he'll succeed in putting over a sleep producer on the elusive Harold. In his first bout, Graziano connected with a right to the whiskers with only fifteen seconds remaining of the tenth and final round. He made a vow to catch up with Green earlier in a return bout. He did.

The eighth round had barely gotten under way when Rocky suddenly changed his tactics and swished a long right uppercut to the point of Green's chin, depositing Harold with a thud in the latter's corner. Green scrambled to one knee at the count of three, but stayed that way until "9" was reached. When he arose, he charged into Graziano and bewildered "The Rock" with an avalanche of punches from every conceivable angle.

The crowd went wild as Green threw caution to the winds and fired away relentlessly at the somewhat dumbfounded Graziano. Rocky seemed to get his bearings towards the end of the round and scored again with a dynamic right uppercut to the chin which once more had Green on Queer Street. The bell rang with Green a bit unsteady on his pins.

What was probably the turning point of the entire contest occurred in the fifth round when Rocky struck an unintentional blow which landed in foul territory. Graziano was a bit overanxious in his desire to apologize for this infraction of the rules, thus admitting guilt, forcing Referee Frank Fullam to order the judges to penalize Rocky a round which he otherwise would have taken by a wide margin.

In the second round, Green connected with a right cross as Graziano came charging in, sending Rocky to the canvas in a dazed condition. "The Rock" made it to his feet just as soon as he could, which was at the count of "3." Green tried hard enough but could not do any further damage to the wobbly Graziano.

Referee Frank Fullam called the bout a draw by a four, four and two even vote. Judge Bill Healy ruled it five to Green, four to Graziano and one even. Judge Tom Potter also favored Green by a count of six to four. As your RING reporter saw it, the decision was correct, Green the winner by a five, four and one verdict. Had not Fullam penalized Graziano the fifth round for a low blow, Graziano probably would have been called the winner. Graziano tipped the beam at 154, enjoying a five-pound pull in the weights. The gate reached $29,773 and the attendance was 10,237.

In the semi-final eight-round go, Umberto Zavala, 135½, Mexico, a colorful hombre, had a decided edge in his bout with Monty Pignatore, 139, Brooklyn, but the officials called it a draw. There ought to be a law against it (decisions of this kind) as Zavala won by the proverbial mile. The Mexican has a freaky switch-style of battling and after scoring with a neat right cross, resumes his attack from a southpaw stance, befuddling his opponent no little. This unorthodox style caused the referee to warn Zavala twice in this contest, although he wasn't penalized for any infractions of the rules. These punches look like backhand swipes, but are really fair blows delivered as Zavala is making his switch in stance. Zavala is a willing mixer and a genuine showman.

James C. Wilkins, 157¾, the Bronx, came from behind to score a close win over Bobby Brown, 153¾, Washington, D. C., in a finely-fought six-round bout. Brown was slightly ahead on points in the sixth and final round, when Wilkins succeeded in scoring with a series of rights to the jaw that dropped Bobby cold in his tracks. The count had reached "5" with Brown dead to the world, when the bell rang ending the contest. Bobby made a hit with the fans and was given a resounding ovation as he left the ring.

Warren Powell, 163¾, Harlem, won an interesting six-round bout from Frankie Jamison, 160¾, Brooklyn. Joey De John, 148½, Syracuse, went to a draw with his old playmate Jimmy Davis, 153½, Harlem, in four rounds while in the opening four-round contest Charley (Ace) Howard whipped Frankie Rosen. Both weighed 135¾.

Freddie Archer, 147, Newark, N. J., met Jerry Fiorello, 155½, Red Hook Bomber, in the feature event at the Ridgewood Grove Sporting Arena and the official decision at the end of eight hectic rounds was a draw. Fiorello won a close first round and then Archer warmed up to his task and gave Jerry a thorough going over in the next three rounds. Archer sustained a cut over his left eye in the first round and he complained to Referee Pete Hartley that Fiorello had butted him to inflict the damage.

In the fifth, Fiorello went to town and scored with two terrific rights to the jaw that hurt Archer. Referee Hartley called the Commission doctor to examine the cut on Archer's eye between the fifth and sixth rounds. Bedlam broke loose as Fiorello kept banging at the bad eye in the next two rounds, causing the Doc to come up to have a look at the eye at the end of the sixth and seventh rounds.

Archer seemed to have the situation well in hand when he was not too busy protecting his eye. Judge Fred Palermo voted for Archer four, three and one even. Judge Joe Agnello voted four rounds to each, a dead heat. Referee Pete Hartley saw it as five for Fiorello, three for Archer. A draw was the best decision.

Chris Adcock, 148, Scotland, had an easy time winning from Pete Martin, 149, San Juan, P.I., in a hotly contested six-round bout. Burl Charity, 142, Youngstown, O., scored a knockout win over Artie Shepherd, 148, West Side, in five rounds. Jackie Connolly, 131, Long Island City, won over Bobby Henry, 131, New York, in six rounds. Connolly got off to an early lead but tired in the later rounds, allowing Henry to make a rally that caught on with the crowd.

Ralph Giffone, 129, Brooklyn, won the duke over Lou Prince, 128, Princeton, N. J., in four rounds. In another four, Manuel Torres, 132, Puerto Rican, put away Jackie Monroe, 137, Brooklyn, in two rounds. Monroe was out for more than ten minutes.

Danny Aldridge, 168½, Newark, won a close eight-round bout from Jerry La Starza, 167, the Bronx, in the feature event at the White Plains Community Center. Aldridge came from behind to make a strong finish to capture the duke. La Starza entered the ring a favorite at 3 to 1 odds.

Annunzio Ferrara, 146¼, Milwaukee, making his second start in the East, won the decision over Jimmy Mills, 144½, willing Negro battler from Cleveland, Ohio, in six rounds. Jimmy Isler, 145, Newark, knocked out Billy Alvarez, 149, Brooklyn, in 21 seconds of the fourth round. Isler has the makings of a fine prospect.

Juan Carrero, 136, San Juan, P.R., won a fast six-round bout from Julian Malavez, 143, Harlem. Chris Adcock, 149, West Side, scored a knockout over Johnny Guarino, 146, Brooklyn, when the latter could not answer the bell for the fifth round.

In the opening four-round bout, Frankie Fischer, 146, the Bronx, won a close one from George Homan, 151, Coney Island.

Maxie Berger, Montreal welterweight, scored a decisive triumph against Ernest "Cat" Robinson of Jamaica, L. I., in the feature event at the Broadway Arena. Berger was in complete command throughout the contest. Maxie scored with effective left hooks followed by right crosses which had Robinson completely at sea. Robinson occasionally landed with wild left hooks and rights, but these rallies were too few and far between. Berger did a very good job of counter punching which enabled the Canadian to romp off with the unanimous decision at the end of eight rounds.

Coolidge Miller, 163½, Brooklyn, scored a knockout victory over Charlie Jones, 164, Harlem, when the latter was unable to continue after the fourth round had ended. Jones sustained a severe cut on his right eye which forced the referee, Al Berl, to call a halt to the contest.

Buddy Bailey, 150, Detroit, came up from a "9" count in the first round, to administer a severe pasting to the clowning Lew Perez, 153, Puerto Rico, winning the unanimous duke at the end of six rounds. Perez was not as funny as he usually is, therefore he did not perform up to par.

Nunzio Ferrara, 146½, Milwaukee, whipped Maurice Lavigne, 147¾, Montreal, in a fast sixer. Ferrara wore his trunks up around his chest and Referee Berl penalized Lavigne the second round for low punching before he realized that Lavigne was not at fault and ordered Ferrara to lower his trunks. The result, however, was never in doubt as Ferrara won decisively.

Clyde English, 129, West Indies, knocked out Walter Cabey Lewis, 124, Puerto Rico, in 2:46 of the third round. English was down for a "9" count in the first. Eddie Saunders, 161, Harlem, won a hotly contested bout from Willie Scott, 161, Harlem, in a blistering four. The decision was greeted with mingled boos and cheers. The boys were immediately rematched in a sixer for the following week.

Maxie Berger, 147, also won an easy decision over Richard (Sheik) Rangel, 152, Fresno, Cal., in the feature event of eight rounds at the Broadway Arena. The Sheik started well, holding his own throughout the first two rounds, but tired badly in the latter half of the contest. Berger employed a sharp left hook to the head and a smashing right uppercut delivered as the Californian tore in. Time and again Maxie staggered his rough opponent but could not bring him down. The decision was unanimous.

In the eight-round semi-final, Vincent Pimpinella, 174½, Brooklyn veteran, outscored Lou (Tiger) Jones, 170¾, Port Chester, N. Y. This was an unusually rough contest featured with many slugging sprees after the bell had sounded ending the round. The Tiger gave a good account of himself and was never in danger of being stopped. The Wise Men had figured Jones would not go the limit. Cecil Schoonmaker, 108¾, Harlem, looking for all the world like a young filly thoroughbred, turned in an exceptional performance in spotting his adversary, Percy Idlett of Brooklyn, nine pounds, giving him a neat hiding before scoring a knockout in the third round. Schoonmaker easily scored the hit of the night.

Mario Griffin, 170¾, licked Norman Rawes, 164¾, in a battle of two Negro sluggers. This bout was a wild and wooly affair with Griffin's condition standing him in good stead. Hubert Winfield, 132½, Brooklyn, had an easy time with Ellis Simley, 136, New York, in four rounds. In the opening four, Kenny Reid, 146, Battle Creek, Mich., was out cold as the bell rang for the end of the first round in his bout with Frank Jordan, 148, East New York, but came back to score a sensational knockout over Jordan in the second round.

Phil Palmer, 141¾, Vancouver, B.C., won a eight-round decision over his arch rival Vince La Salva, 144¼, Mount Vernon, N. Y., in the feature event at the White Plains Community Center. Palmer got off to an early lead and seemed headed for a one-sided victory but ran into trouble towards the end of the fourth round. La Salva succeeded in closing Palmer's right eye in the fifth and proved stubborn opposition from then on in. The decision was of the split variety, but judges voting for Palmer while the referee John Marto cast his vote for La Salva.

Davey Feld, 166, Brooklyn, had an easy time winning a six-round decision over Dave Carter, 158, of the Bronx. Feld scored with beautiful left hooks and right crosses but could not put away his game Negro opponent. Johnny Clark, 179, New London, Conn., won by the technical knockout route over Warren Jones, 171, in the fifth round. Jones suffered a severe cut over his eye causing the referee to call a halt.

Benny Cartegena, 139, outpointed George Johnson, 136, Harlem, in a fast six-round bout. Johnson fought in Philadelphia the previous evening scoring a one-round knockout, but got more than he bargained for in this contest. Cartegena simply punched too hard and too often. Joey Gambaro, 147, Bronx Spaniard, outpointed Jimmy Mills, 144, Cleveland, Ohio, Negro, in the opening six-round bout.

Danny Bartfield made his debut as a Madison Square Garden main eventer and had to be content with winning a decision by a narrow margin over Morris Reif at the end of ten rounds. Reif also making his start as a star bout performer in the Garden, tried valiantly, but fell short as he was up against a smooth, slippery performer. Bartfield has come a long way since his honorable discharge from the Army last year and seems to be improving with every start.

In his last Garden showing, he succeeded in scoring a clean kayo over Monty Pignatore in five rounds, but only after he had gone through a rather stormy session in the third round of the contest. His clean cut, decisive win over Pignatore led to his being rematched in the Garden, this time as a main eventer.

Bartfield's match with Reif brought out the fact that Danny is a mighty slick performer (when he has to be) besides being a good puncher. In the first round Reif tore out of his corner and made Danny with a couple of left hooks to the jaw which had Danny in trouble. Bartfield steadied himself beautifully and tagged Reif with a right smash to the left eye which all but closed the optic. Morris fought the remaining nine rounds under this terrific handicap and was able to give a splendid account of himself throughout. With only one good peeper, Reif pressed forward, swinging for all he was worth.

Bartfield was forced to display his best boxing to avoid the lunges of his aggressive opponent. Danny featured an accurate left jab which succeeded in keeping his willing opponent off balance. The second round went to Bartfield by a wide margin as he outboxed Reif and was able to score eight right handers in succession without a return. Reif came along in better fashion after the third round and showed the Bartfield rooters that he was not out of the picture, when he would score with left hooks to Bartfield's tummy, causing Danny to fall in and hold.

Bartfield enjoyed a big advantage in the seventh and eighth rounds and, as the bell sounded for the ninth round, the only way Reif could win was to score a knockout. Morris took a close ninth round and then went on to win the tenth by a wide margin. Too late!

Referee Benny Leonard scored it five rounds to Bartfield, four to Reif and one even. Judge Joe Agnello ruled in favor of Bartfield by a four to four margin, while Judge Jim Hagen gave seven rounds to Danny, three to Reif and one even. Out of a possible 30 rounds among the three officials, Bartfield was able to garner only 28. Considering the fact that Danny walked in a big to one favorite, this was too close for comfort to the backers of the Pitt St. Pavlowa. Reif weighed 143¼, outweighing Bartfield by five pounds.

Steve Vaccarelli, 135, Brooklyn, and Bob Smith, 128, Philadelphia Negro, went at it for eight fast and furious rounds with the decision being awarded to Smith. Smith gave a very poor account of himself in this bout, but by no stretch of the imagination should he have been declared the winner. As your RING reporter saw it, Steve was the worst Stevie was entitled to.

Al Pennino, 123½, Brooklyn, won with ease over Rocco Progano, 131, Stamford, Conn., in four rounds. Patsy Spataro, 140¼, the Bronx, proved entirely too strong for Charley Smith, 137, Newark, in a finely fought six-round bout. Smith won the second and sixth rounds, the remaining going to Spataro.

Sid Haber, 138, Brooklyn, had little trouble winning from Gene Gregory, 133, New Haven, in the opening four-round bout. In a four-rounder that went on after the main go, Joey Gatto, 131, Brooklyn, eked out a win over Vinnie Mele, 131½. The gate receipts reached $35,305 and the attendance 11,537.

Frankie Rubino, 132½, Brooklyn, punched out a win over Paul Frechette, 127½, Lowell, Mass., in the feature eight-round bout at the Ridge-

Grove Sporting Club in Brooklyn. Frechette is better known in boxing circles as The Blond Tiger. The Tiger was floored for a count of nine in the third round, but managed to last out the distance. The semi-final eight showed Willie Beltran, 134, Bronx, scoring a knockout over Jerry Darby, 134½, Jamaica, L. I., in 1:54 of the third round. Darby had been giving Beltran quite a tussle of it up to the time he was nailed with a right cross to the jaw which rendered him hors de combat for the evening.

Ruby Kessler, 141¼, Coney Island youngster, won the decision at the end of eight rounds against Jackie Connors, 147, Newark. Kessler scored with an accurate right hand uppercut throughout the contest. Ruby had his man in trouble on numerous occasions but could not finish the wily Connors.

Leo Romanelli, 146, Brooklyn, had an easy time winning from Jerry McGee, 155, Augusta, Ga., forcing Referee Jim Crowley to call a halt after 2:28 of the fifth round. Romanelli was nailed with a right to the jaw in the first round which dropped him to the canvas for a count of nine. Leo had things his own way after that stormy first round. Paul Midiri, 128¼, Corona, L. I., won a four-round duke over Hubert Winfield, 131½, Valley Stream, L. I., in the opening bout.

Billy Grant, 181¼, Orange, N. J., made his first appearance this year at the White Plains Community Center and made his initial start a winning one at the expense of Walter Thomas, 183, Bronx Negro. Oddly enough Grant's only appearance at White Plains last year was the opening show of 1944, which showed Grant scoring a knockout over another local favorite, Al Stephany in seven rounds. Grant looked very good in scoring a one-round knockout over Thomas. The game Walter was down twice for short counts before being dropped with a terrific right to the jaw. Thomas, badly hurt, took the full count on one knee.

Newspaper reports had it that Thomas had never been kayoed in his career, but these reports are in error as Walter suffered a knockout at the hands of Reggie Osborne in three rounds at the Queensboro Arena on August 15, 1942. Thomas lasted exactly 1:14 seconds of the first round against Grant.

Juan Carrero, 134½, Puerto Rico, scored his second victory at this club when he defeated George Johnson, 135½, Harlem, in eight rounds. Maurice Lavigne, 148½, Montreal, defeated Chris Adcock, 147, New York, in a fiercely fought six-round bout. This was easily the best bout of the night.

Johnny Clark, 177, Harlem, impressed considerably in putting away Al Stephany, 179½, White Plains, in 2:45 of the third round. Stephany did not put up much resistance and was dropped for a count of eight in the first round. The opening four showed lanky Neal Stokes, 159½, Detroit Negro, winning a decision over Jerry McGee, 134½, Augusta, Ga.

Umberto Zavala, ambi-dextrous Mexican lightweight, made his fistic debut at the St. Nicholas Sporting Arena and pounded out a clean cut ten-round decision over Monty Pignatore of Brooklyn. The bout was roughly fought, both boys fighting it out for all they were worth. The Mexican has an odd switch-style of fighting and in bursts of speed during these switches, he cannot but help hitting his opponent with a backhand flick delivered as he goes into his southpaw stance. The blow is unintentional and does no damage whatsoever, but the Pignatore fans were incensed whenever the boy from south of the border employed these tactics. The sixth round was taken away from Zavala for backhanding and the seventh found Pignatore being penalized for a low blow. It was a bitterly fought contest throughout.

Referee George Walsh and Judge Frank Forbes voted for Zavala while Judge Abe Goldberg cast his vote for Pignatore. Zavala weighed 136¼, while Pignatore tipped the beam at 138¼ pounds. 2,517 fans paid $4,130 to watch the bouts.

In six-round contests, Tommy Mills, 140½, Valley Stream, L. I., knocked out Al Bishop, 141, of Harlem, after 2:52 of the fifth round. Willis Scott, 156, Harlem, scored a sensational knockout over Johnny Zawalski, 153, of Detroit, after 2:32 of the first round. This result was a startling upset as Zawalski fights in New England rings under the name of Johnny Ryan, and has succeeded in making quite a name for himself.

Nunzio Ferrara, 147½, Milwaukee, drew with Teddy Green, 148½, Bayonne, in a very hard fought bout. Ferrara had an edge and the fans booed the decision. Danny Devlin, 177½, The Ancient from Allentown, looked good in winning the duke from the veteran Tony Gillo, 186, of New Haven, Conn. In the opening four-round bout Vince Gigante, 166, Greenwich Village, pounded out a win over Steve Kish, 165¼, Garfield, N. J.

Maxie Berger, 148, Montreal, had an easy time winning an eight-round decision from Solomon Stewart, 143, New York Negro, in the feature bout at the Broadway Arena. Maxie looked very good as he stepped around his hard-hitting opponent, outboxing him by a wide margin. In the sixth round, Stewart landed a hard left hook to the jaw of Berger that staggered the Canadian, causing him to fall in and hold. Maxie weathered the storm and came on to outpunch his Negro rival in the sixth and seventh rounds. The decision was unanimous.

In a semi-final eight Bobby Brown, 162¼, Philadelphia, went to a draw with Coolidge Miller, 166, Brooklyn, in a battle between two Negro middleweights. Brown, in his last start, fought a hectic battle in Madison Square Garden against J. C. Wilkins and stepped into this bout as a last minute substitute. Brown gave a very good account of himself and gave Miller more than he bargained for. At the end of three rounds, Miller looked like a certain winner, but then tired badly. Brown displayed a bulldog type of aggressiveness and pummelled Miller relentlessly. Miller seemed to find himself in the seventh and eighth rounds and rallied to earn a draw. This bout was sensational and a rematch should be in order.

Sid Haber, 140, a Brownsville lad who seems to be improving with every start, halted Jackie Savino, 136, Long Island City, in 2:25 of the third round. Savino made a good showing against his hard-hitting opponent. Buddy Bailey, 150¼, Nashville, Tenn., gave Tom Collins, 152¾, New Haven, a good going over to win a decision at the end of six rounds. Collins, the previous evening lost an eight-round duke to Al Pinnel in New Haven and seemed too tired to give his best efforts in this contest. Boxers should not be allowed to work two bouts in such a short space of time.

In the opening four-round bout, Kenny Reid, 147, Battle Creek, Mich., scored a knockout over Frankie Jordan, 151, Brooklyn, in 1:05 of round three.

Vic Pignataro, 140¾, Bronx lightweight, returned to the ring after an absence of six months and made his comeback effort a successful one by winning a decision in eight rounds over Benny Cartegena, 139¾, New York battler, in the feature event at the Westchester County Center. Pignataro, considering his long layoff, moved pretty fast and may yet make a name for himself in pugilistic circles if not rushed too fast. Ruby Goldstein was the referee and performed in a capable manner.

In six-round bouts, Charlie Jones, 161½, Harlem, won over James Polk, 174, Trenton, N. J. Joey Gatto, 131, Brooklyn, had an easy time winning from Young Tony, 124½, Newark, N. J. Maurice Lavigne, 148¼, Montreal, a semi-pro hockey player, whipped Jackie Connors, 146, Newark, N. J., in a very good bout.

In four-round bouts, Vinnie Melito, 135, Jamaica, L. I., won from Vincent Calcagno, 133, New York, and Frankie Fischer, 148, of the Bronx, scored a technical knockout victory at the end of the third round over Jerry McGee, 152, Augusta, Ga.

In Sunny California

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Bright, Roosevelt Base; Pfc. John Buckus, Camp Patrick Henry, Va.; Sgt.-Maj. Calvin Addis, San Diego; Ensign Terry McCormick, Jacksonville, Fla.; Lieut. Jas. Engstrom, Kansas; Sailor Danny Waldner, Jacksonville, Fla.; Sailor Edward Parker, San Diego; Sailor Don Hamill, South Pacific; Pvt. Bud Utter for the Christmas cards and Holiday Greetings that you swell fellows found the time to send me. Godspeed to you all.

Lest I Forget—Don Hamill, THE RING correspondent of Hartford, Conn., now in the Navy and stationed Somewhere in the South Pacific, came up to Hollywood to pay Yours Truly a visit, while he was stationed at San Diego. . . . Juan Zurita returned to Mexico City for the Holidays. . . . Jimmy Doyle is doing very nicely in his eastern bouts. . . . Lige Drew is not doing as well in his eastern invasion as was expected. He apparently is not displaying the form that he showed under Jack Davidow here at home. . . . Archie Moore, now in the east under the direction of Jimmy Johnston, won over Nate Bolden in ten at New York City. . . . Georgie Crouch, who was to make a come-back under George Engle, was denied a license when it was discovered that he has a bad eye. . . . The two ringside seats held by Lupe Velez (the movie star who died recently) at the Hollywood Stadium for past 17 years, have been given to Frank Sinatra. It was his name that was drawn from a hat (Oh yeah?). . . . Paul Zimmerman, sports editor of the Los Angeles *Times*, has been promoted from a rank of Major to a Lieut. Colonel. He is stationed in the China-Burma theatre of war. . . . Luis Castillo has returned to Mexico City for a visit. . . . Cpl. Ragon Kinney, winner of Los Angeles *Times* and National Golden Gloves tournaments in the heavyweight division, is reported to have entered pro ranks. Kinney is stationed at Fort Bliss, Tex. . . . Bill Davee, THE RING correspondent for Texas, who is now promoting in San Antonio, was in Los Angeles last month lining up talent for his club. . . . Matchmaker Babe McCoy has made the Juan Zurita-John Thomas lightweight title fight. It is to be on Feb. 27th. . . . Elmer Ray stopped Jimmy Williams in the 4th at New Orleans.

Ken Overlin and Tommy Kilbane, former stars of the ring who were recently discharged from the Navy, have opened a night spot in Vallejo. . . . Genero Rojo decisioned Hubert Samuels in 10 at Hartford, Conn., but was outpointed by Doug Carter in 6 at New York City. . . . Joe Lynch was issued the outdoor license to hold shows at Gilmore Stadium, L. A. . . . The term of Chairman Jules Covey of the State Athletic Commission, expired at the first of the year and Norman Houston, Negro insurance man of Los Angeles, was appointed to the Commission. Also, Edward Penchvich, one of the northern commissioners, was replaced (he never should have been appointed in the first place). . . . Carlos Chavez, state feather champion (haven't you eastern fellas ever heard of him?) was home on furlough from Fort Benning, Ga. . . . Sheik Rangel was stopped by Ray Robinson in the second at Philadelphia. . . . Harry Gordon, the well known trainer, was hospitalized with a heart attack. . . . Willie Pep received the Los Angeles *Times* National Sports Award honors for being the boxer of 1944. It is a most meritorious award for Pep is a real champion. While not a puncher, or as colorful as most of our great featherweight champions of the past, he is one of the cleverest boxers to hold that title. . . . This writer's address is 1231 N. June St., Hollywood 38, Calif.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

SIOUX CITY'S annual amateur boxing meet under the direction of the Sioux City *Journal-Tribune* is slated for February 12, 13, 14 and 15. The big tournament will draw amateurs from northwestern Iowa, northwestern Nebraska, and anywhere in South Dakota. The winners of the eight weight divisions will be sent to Chicago to compete in the Chicago Tournament of Champions. Bill Forbes is director of the tourney, while Ty Dillon has been named as coach.

Flandreau, So. Dak.—A boxing show was held at the Indian School among local boxers, and several from the Sioux Falls Air Base and Minnesota points, resulted as follows:

Gerald Rubideaux, Flandreau, defeated Emil Evans, Slayton, Minn.; Walter LaFrenier, Flandreau, defeated Roll, Slayton, Minn.; Lawrence Moose, Flandreau, defeated Baptiste Thunder, Flandreau; Hank Meyers, Marshall, Minn., defeated Magnus Hourschet, Pipestone, Minn.; Allan Wilson, Flandreau, defeated Eddie Webb, Sioux Falls air base; Bill Jackson, Sioux Falls air base, defeated Wade Miller, Flandreau; Cliff Johnson, Flandreau, defeated Robert Sullivan, Flandreau.

By technical knockout—Melvin Running Rabbit, Flandreau, defeated Walter Scott, Slayton; Gaynord Brown, Flandreau, defeated McCormick, Iona, Minn.; Billy Mattigosh, Flandreau, defeated John Mher, Slayton.

Officials were W. F. ("Stub") Whalen, referee; Dr. W. A. Matthews, master-of-ceremonies, and W. H. Davis, timekeeper, all of Flandreau.

Omaha, Nebr.—Paul Hartnek, heavyweight boxer and a former Creighton university football star, is going to serve as a boys' supervisor and boxing instructor at Boys' Town. Father Flanagan, founder and director of the institution for homeless boys, said Hartnek would take over in the near future.

Last Minute Sparks . . . Sgt. Jay Bauman, 21, former announcer for station WJAG, Norfolk, Nebr., was killed in action while serving with an infantry unit in Germany. . . . Bauman was well known to boxers and boxing fans in this section. . . . Paul Hartnek, Omaha heavyweight, was stopped in the second round by Al Jordan, of Long Beach, Cal. . . . Remember the writer can be reached at 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Ia., and news for this spot must be in my hands by the 5th of each month. . . . The Sioux Falls army air field will send a strong team of boxers to the Sioux City meet. . . . Maj. Harold A. Patterson, public relations officer, stated that he will have a topnotch team which may include three of last year's former champions. . . . The Flandreau, S. D., Indian school will also have a strong team in the meet. . . . Bill Rensch, well known Sioux City amateur boxer, who is at a naval air technical training center in Tennessee, is a first string boxer at that station. . . . His record to date includes 44 victories and four defeats. He won the 1942 lightweight title and 1943 welterweight crown in Sioux City tournaments. . . . Pinkie George, Des Moines boxing promoter, is making plans to bring professional boxing back to that port and is making plans for several star indoor shows. . . . The writer wishes to thank his many friends for the Christmas cards and the number of greetings from the boys on the front lines. . . . I will make an effort to answer each one.

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By PVT. TOM EPHREM

SOMEWHERE IN CORSICA

UPSETS were recorded in the Tyrrhenian Zone Area boxing tourney as favorites like Pvt. Eddie O'Neal, U.S.A. welterweight; Sgt. Perry Bryson, U.S.A. heavyweight, and C-Cpl. John Ralph, South African heavyweight, were defeated before they got to the finals. O'Neal was decisively outpointed by Junius Woods, Bryson was knocked out in the third round by Pvt. Willie Robinson and Ralph lost a decision to Cpl. George "Baby Dutch" Culbertson.

Woods, who was beaten by O'Neal on several occasions several months back was at his best this time in the middleweight ranks in which Eddie also was entered. Robinson actually won in his bout with Culbertson when the two squared off in the finals for the title, but it was "Baby Dutch" who got the call and the championship. Woods also went on to win in his class, the amateur middleweight, while Culbertson took over in the amateur heavyweight.

A favorite face absent from the tourney was Pfc. Carl Palombo, Amsterdam, N. Y., amateur featherweight holder of the Algiers crown. Carl was sidelined by a German mortar shell. Hoping that it doesn't mean an end to the youngster's boxing. Pfc. Willie Jackson, Negro American glover in the amateur light-heavyweight bracket, was the big star of the tourney as he sent opponent after opponent into slumberland.

Cpl. Jim MacDonald, Negro amateur heavyweight, also did well. Jackson and MacDonald fought in the Adriatic Zone. . . . Young or old, the Britishers regard boxing in a very high manner.

One of the British contestants, Pvt. Wilfred Gee, entered the meet at the age of 35 years. He was kayoed in the Tyrrhenian Zone bouts.

C-Cpl. John Ralph's loss to George "Baby Dutch" Culbertson in the Tyrrhenian meet was regarded as an upset, as Ralph seemed to be a better ring general. The British, backing their South African contestant, did not agree with the officials' vote for Culbertson, but the American version did. . . . Poor judging was seen in the Tyrrhenian battle between Andy Licari, rugged Minnesota amateur welterweight, and Cpl. Jack Brown of the British Army. Licari had dropped Brown for a 7 count and Brown got up to meet Andy. The British boy landed a blow that opened a very bad cut over the American's left eye, and it bled profusely.

Came round two and the Minnesotan fought on, despite the handicap. At the end of the round, the house medico, a British doctor, examined the cut and rightfully informed the referee, George Vallance, that Andy was in no condition to continue. As the boys came out for the third heat, Vallance waved Licari to his corner but the fighter refused to call it quits, whereupon the referee let the case rest with the "Board of Appeals," who in turn called in an American medico, Dr. Angelucci of Lexington, Ky., to give a re-exam to the lad, and he allowed Andy to continue. The youngster, a very promising lad, went on to win over Brown.

A written protest was placed with the "Board of Appeals." The crowd, mostly British, howled disapprovingly. The promoter, Captain Geoffrey Schollick, ended the dispute by announcing that Brown, although a loser, would be allowed to continue in the tourney by filling in an empty bracket. . . . 11 knockouts in 13 bouts sets a boxing record in the Mediterranean Theater, and the Tyrrhenian Zone now holds the record.

One British soldier entry in the Tyrrhenian show, Gunner Kendrick, fell to his knee when he saw the punch thrown by Pvt. Leslie Montyn, another British Army boy, coming his way. He was counted out by the referee in that position, yet he wasn't even hit. . . . Stanley Evans, Detroit pro heavyweight, is one of the several men to defeat the present heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, when the Bomber was in the amateurs. Stanley did the feat in the 1933 Golden Gloves finals in Detroit. Stanley lost to Joe in the clash the following year.

Pvt. Jimmy Fair, Negro American soldier from Buffalo, N. Y., was given a raw deal in his championship bout with Ronnie Burr, of the Royal Marines. They gave Burr the verdict, which was undeserved. Fair did plenty of firing in his previous bouts in the tourney. He scored a record-breaking Mediterranean kayo feat, stopping an opponent in 32 seconds of the first round. Then he came through with another early first heat sleep-producer. He is a pleasing scrapper.

A pro lightweight, Leon Haire of St. Louis, Mo., who was a strong favorite, had the tough luck of being unable to get time off from his duties, and this kept him out of the meet. . . . Sgt. Al Weisberger, managing the 12th Air Force team, came through with 8 winners to top the tourney.

Pvt. Jimmy Fair, the Buffalo Negro clouter who smashed the record with a 32-second kayo, beat his own time by coming through with another, in 28 seconds. . . . Considerable color to the Tyrrhenian boxing meet could have been attached, if the Fifth Army boxers were allowed to compete in this one. But for military reasons, the boys who captured Algiers' swat show in February, 1944, had to stay at the front and go for a bigger championship fight.

NAPLES, ITALY—The following results took place just previous to the Mediterranean sectional tournaments that led to the championships held in Rome. The Palm Theater featured the popular Jimmy Quintana, winner of the Algiers Allied amateur title, with Johnny Baroni, Naples. Quintana had an easy time in flattening Baroni in the first round with a short right hander, after spotting the Neapolitan 5 pounds in weight and several inches in height. The winner weighed 139.

Pvt. Eddie O'Neal, classy Negro amateur welterweight, now campaigning among the middleweights, had too much stuff on the ball for his adversary, an Italian, Aldo Malvoni. The loser proved a rugged lad. He hit the canvas in the first and again in the second. O'Neal was outweighed by his opponent, but it seems that the bigger they are the better for Eddie.

Topping all on the program was Lt. Ed Whitburn, an English naval officer, about thirty odd years old, and Curtis Moret, a New Orleans boy. The fireworks started in the first heat as Moret walloped Whitburn to the canvas for a nine count. Ed retaliated in the following round by almost having Curtis out. Neither heard the sound of the bell ending the round, and both continued slamming each other until Moret landed with a terrific blow against the officer's jaw. The latter was out, and his seconds worked feverishly to revive him for the last canto. Moret staggered to his corner. He tossed punches that had Ed in retreat, thus earning himself the decision. They are light-heavies.

A heavyweight tangle saw Willie Robinson of Marietta, Georgia, and George (Baby Dutch) Culbertson of Brooklyn, N. Y., square off in a Negro encounter, and the winner by surprise was the Marietta mauler. It was close. Robinson seems to improve with every performance.

Vincent Gallatto, Philadelphia leatherpusher, had it over Herman Coberly of Mt. Vernon, Ill. Jimmy McGowan from Cleveland, Ohio, won from Al Blairstowe, a London lad. Tony Belmonte, Naples featherweight, held Royal Marine Ronald Burr to a draw.

NAPLES, ITALY—A General hospital gave an excellent fistic dish to its fans, and headlined with Dino (Dum-Dum) Caduto, the Philadelphia pleaser, and Enrico Alleata, Naples. The boys, welterweights, put on a slugging bee with Caduto barely taking the verdict. He had no easy touch in the Naples walloper. The latter banged away at the Philly fighter from the opening bell, and only Caduto's past experience carried him on to victory.

Middleweight Jimmy Toney, Detroit campaigner, returned to the ring after a lay-off of 7 months and showed it had no effect on his skill as he scored a quick kayo over Salvatore Molina, a Naples boxer, in round one. Molina was down once before the finale.

It took Fred Robbins, an English boxer, to halt the winning streak at the hospital of the crooner-cuffer, Ricardo Gilaberti, Naples. The two went after each other with hammer and tongs.

British soldier Joe Holland stopped Giuseppe Bordoni of Salerno, in the initial heat, taking only 28 seconds to do the trick.

Rodney Smith of Baltimore, Md., decisioned Gino Querino, a Caserta representative, in a good, fast fight of three rounds.

Paddy McAllen, British Army, caught the retreating Carlo Cepparello, Naples, and blasted him midway in the third and final round.

Another British Army victory was turned in, as Norman Tennant knocked out Salvatore Bosci of Salerno. Refereeing assignments were carried out by Joe Stella of Waterbury, Conn., and Calvin White of Wilmington, Del.

The sectional championships, staged before the finals in Rome, resulted as follows in the three zones: The Adriatic (East Italy), the Tyrrhenian (West coast of Italy), and the Deltabase Sector (Southern France), represented.

In the Tyrrhenian finals, the amateur winners were: Flyweight—Pvt. Norman Tennant, British Army, winning by a kayo over CFN Freddie Campbell, British Army, in first round. Bantamweight—L-Bdr. B. Corcoran, British Army, knocking out Pfc. Sal Ferring, U.S.A., in round 2. Featherweight—Ronald Burr, Royal Marines, outpointed Pvt. Jimmy Fair, Buffalo, N. Y. (U.S.A.), in three. Lightweight—Pfc. Santiago (Jimmy) Quintana, Longmont, Colorado (U.S.A.), stopped Gnr. W. Croker, British Army, in two. Welterweight—Cpl. Andy Licari, Biwabik, Minn. (U.S.A.), outpointed CFN Clarence Johnson, British Army, in three. Middleweight—Pvt. Junius Woods, Buffalo, N. Y. (U.S.A.), won from L-Cpl. Bill Stemmler, Canadian Army, in three. Light-heavyweight—Pvt. Walter Zippell, Hollywood, Cal. (U.S.A.), defeated Pfc. George Vrooman (U.S.A.), Schenectady, N. Y., in three. Heavyweight—Cpl. George (Baby Dutch) Culbertson, Brooklyn, N. Y. (U.S.A.), beat Pvt. Willie Robinson, Marietta, Ga. (U.S.A.), in three.

And now for the professional group: Flyweight—Spr. Jock Gilchrist, British Army (only entrant). Bantamweight—(no entrant). Featherweight—Spr. O'Neill, British Army (only entrant). Lightweight—Pvt. Murray Cain, New York City (U.S.A.), beat Pvt. Georgie Lyons, Philadelphia (U.S.A.), in three. Welterweight—Pvt. Di… Fleming, Las Vegas, Nev. (U.S.A.), decisio… Pvt. L. Martyn, British Army, in three. Mid… weight—Pvt. Floyd Gibson, Cincinnati, O… (U.S.A.), won by default from Pvt. Jimmy … Gowan, Cleveland, Ohio (U.S.A.). Light-he… weight—Cpl. (Peter Rabbit) R. Hamm… (U.S.A.), St. Louis, Mo., decisioned Pvt. … Clempert, British Army. Heavyweight—C… George Marwich, British Army, won from … Stanley Evans, Detroit, Mich. (U.S.A.), in th… These are your champs and runner-ups. … scene was in Naples, Italy.

MARSEILLES, FRANCE—Settling the Do… Base titles, the following named lads were crow… champions in their class (Amateurs): Feath… weight—Jean Vitale, French Navy, decisio… Pvt. Alphonse Johnson in three. Lightweig… Pvt. Bob Ewing (U.S.A.), scored the only cle… cut kayo of the card by putting away Pvt. Ell… Long (U.S.A.), in the first round: Welterweig… Pfc. Eddie Willingham (U.S.A.), copped … Pvt. Marvin Rollins (U.S.A.), in three. Mid… weight—Sgt. Spencer Coleman (U.S.A.), via t… feit. Light-heavyweight—Pfc. Charles McCl… (U.S.A.), stopped Cpl. Joe Hudgins (U.S.A.)… one. Heavyweight—Pvt. Ed Atchison (U.S.A.… humbled Pvt. Tom Davis (U.S.A.), in three.

The following now are the professional cha… pions: Pvt. Thaddeus Lee (U.S.A.), is the ho… weight titlist, winning by forfeit. Cpl. Joe … Martino, Bridgeport, Conn. (U.S.A.), holds … welterweight diadem, winning by forfeit. Pv… Jack Beatty (U.S.A.), opened a cut over P… Leroy Anderson's left eye and the doctor order… a halt, giving the title to Jack. Light-heavyweig… Cpl. Jimmy Johnson (U.S.A.), took the nod … Pfc. Adolph Barlow in three. Heavyweig… OC-2c Horace Thompson, Many, La. (U.S.A… was too good for Pvt. Earl Eppinger (U.S.A… winning easily two of the three rounds and … crown, a three-rounder.

The officials were: Judges—Captain Gil… Tomskey and Captain Ralph Horton, Jr. … Warren Young did the timekeeping. Sgt. … Baranoff acted as announcer, referee, and … moted the show, having Saul Jaffe of the … Special Service as his helper in the latter …

BARI, ITALY—Crowning of the Adriatic … titleholders before an indoor crowd of 350… the Garrison Theater, found 11 men ready … bigger stakes. Here are the kings of the Adri… area (Amateurs): Flyweight—Pvt. Jacobus … Der Kloschorst, SAAF, bested Pvt. Benny Hu… ton, British Army, in three rounds. The w… is from South Africa. Bantamweight—Cpl. … McClaughlin (U.S.A.), kayoed Pvt. P. … Rooyen, South Africa AF, in two. Feather… —Spr. William Daubney, British Army, beat … Herman (Chief) Ragsdale, USAAF, in th… Lightweight—Pvt. Willie Thomas (U.S.A.), … pointed LAC Jack Newstead, RAF, in th… Welterweight—LAC Tommy McGovern, … decisioned Pvt. Bill Beasley, U.S.A., in th… Middleweight—Pvt. Oliver Williams, U.S… stopped Sgt. Mario Alfonso, U.S.A., in th… Light-heavyweight—Pfc. Willie Jackson, U.S… kayoed Sgt. A. Higgs, British Army, in … round. Heavyweight—Cpl. Jim MacDo… U.S.A., stopped S/Sgt. Burwiss Priestly, U.S… in two.

The professionals came out in the follow… Bantamweight—LAC John Brown, RAF, … Sgt. Melvin McKenna in three. Welterweig… Spr. Alec Brown, British Army, got the … over Cpl. Pat Thomas, U.S.A., in three. He… weight—Sgt. Johnny Ebarb, U.S.A., nodded … Jock Robinson, RAF, in three.

MARSEILLES, FRANCE—Delta Base Sec… boxing kings put up a very strong showing a… their inter-sector rivals, Continental Advance … tion, but had to bow to Conad when three … their fighters failed to make a ring appearan… In a scheduled 14-match program, Conad … three forfeits and five clashes, totaling eight, … the DBS lads garnered six wins. As a re… Conadmen are the Southern France Sect… Boxing Champions. The combined winners re… sented Southern France in the Allied Box… Tournament in Rome, Italy.

Two thousand fans attended the program at … Port Theater. Cpl. Joe DiMartino, pro wel… weight from Bridgeport, Conn., led his teamm… of the DBS as he pummelled Fred Hunt to … TKO in three rounds. Joe used both hands to … and the referee stopped it.

An upset was recorded in the Alfred La Bre… Charley McLellan scrap. La Breque, entry f… Conad, took the light-heavyweight tangle fr… Mac, of the DBS.

Charley is a good socker, and the opening … sent him immediately after Alfred. He flo… the latter for a short count, but was he surpr… when Al got up to place him in that same s… tion! Mac got up without a count and was … with a tasty dose of lefts and rights. This … he again paid the canvas a visit. Try hard … he did, Charley managed to pick himself up … the ten count, but still that was too late. … La Breque was a winner via the kayo rou… surprising feat to all.

The amateur middleweight crown went … DBS's Spencer Coleman, as he gave Jimmy Mo… Conad boxer, a drubbing for three rounds, … brought a halt to the bout. The referee, Ba… Emil, stopped it.

The pro heavyweight title was captured … Negro lad, Paul Favors, who defeated …

Eppinger of the DBS. Favors was a big favorite and he had to fight hard throughout the contest to earn the duke. He is one of the quartet who sang in the presence of Roosevelt-Churchill in Casablanca, when the famous pair met at the height of the invasion of North Africa, in 1942.

Conad took three more bouts, those mentioned, by forfeit. The winners here are: Arthur Attleson, amateur featherweight champion. Johnny Wise, amateur welterweight king; and Ellis La Grange, pro featherweight winner.

La Grange has been a performer since his entry in North Africa, with our Forces several years ago. Officials for this program were: Judges —Captains Ralph Horton, Jr.; Gilbert Tomskey and Reginald Gardiner.—Referee—Barney Emil. Timekeepers—Cpl. Nick Capobianco and Pvt. Warren Young. Announcer—Sgt. Mike Forman.

Other members who were on the Southern France squad in the Rome meet, are: Billy Bento, amateur flyweight; Al Johnson, amateur bantamweight; Bob Ewing, amateur lightweight; Dick Duckworth, amateur heavyweight; Thaddeus Lee, pro lightweight; Clint Perry, pro middleweight; Al Barlow, pro light-heavyweight.

ITALY—Pvt. Jimmy Fitzpatrick, former boxer of Bill Daly's stable of Paterson, N. J., is in Italy. Jimmy boxed in the lightweight class back home. While in Sardinia, Jimmy was one of my hospital's patients, where we all struck up our friendship, and talked of nothing else but boxing. He is a great fight fan.

We received a lengthy letter from our pal, and boss, Nat Fleischer, Editor of The Ring, telling us how sorry he was to be forced to turn down a request from the Army to go overseas to entertain with his famous fight films and to lecture on boxing. Nat says that a recurrence of an old ailment made it impossible for him to make the trip, though it hasn't prevented him from continuing to visit hospitals and camps as heretofore. Nat was asked to fly to Rome to officiate at the Inter-Allied championships and also was requested to make a flying trip to Alaska, but each had to be refused, at least temporarily. Nat hopes by Spring to be in a position where he can accept.

As a Christmas gift, The Ring Editor shipped a batch of boxing gloves and other paraphernalia to Rome for the Inter-Allied championships. At the hospitals, Nat has been showing "Kings of The Ring" and other famous fight pictures and always brings with him 12 cartons of cigarettes or cigars for distribution.

The servicemen's best pal, that's Nat Fleischer.

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC—Boxing in his sector has the highest praise of the leading middleweight challenger, Georgie Abrams, U. S. Navy Chief Specialist, who is in charge of a great fistic program. It out-draws the movies in entertainment and attendance. In order to get the fistic shows going, Abrams had to be the promoter, matchmaker, referee, second, reporter, manager, trainer, sparring partner, publicity man, and believe it or not, the carpenter. He still holds each position. A very busy man indeed, but he likes it, and there's where the main credit belongs.

Abrams has two prospects that he believes will carve a name for themselves some day in the professional ranks. They are Hal Cornett and Bill Bilderrain. Hal and Bill, according to Abrams, will start their pro career in Florida, which means Georgie will have the guidance of the two lads. Hal and Bill, says Georgie, are winning steadily and are prominent performers.

ITALY—While on a visit in Florence, Pvt. Bernie Cady, a Washington, D. C., featherweight boxer, saw his pal and team-mate boxer, Pfc. Larry Cisneros, pro welterweight, going through his training routine and the latter looked plenty good, despite the front-line action and all he had been through. Larry was appearing on the Billy Conn program.

ENGLAND—Boxing is picking up in his area, writes Pfc. Mark Fannon, Ring Correspondent. Mark and Siggie (Landers) Stadtlander, former welterweight boxer, met in England and had a lot in common to talk about—BOXING.

ITALY—Cpl. Mike Yalch, Pittsburgh amateur heavyweight boxer, is with a quartermaster unit in Italy.

ENGLAND—A suggestion by Sgt. Siggie Stadtlander to Hank Lecy, Director of the American Red Cross in the former's section in England, met with approval of the latter, and at this writing, the ball has started to roll in regards to a boxing team match with the European Theater of Operations facing a selected group from the Naples, Italy area. The latter lads will be under direction of Sgt. Al Weisberger.

NAPLES, ITALY—Loss of their ace amateur light-heavyweight Pfc. Walter Zippell of Hollywood, California, was a sad blow for his teammates. The Tyrrhenian Zone champion Zippell injured his hand badly while winning the title in Naples.

BARI, ITALY—Though he never had a bout to his credit as a civilian, Pvt. Willie Thomas, lightweight amateur entry from the Adriatic Zone who began his fistic career in the shows in Bari, is proud of his record of 13 wins out of 14 times up. The Tampa, Fla., boy looms as a fine prospect.

BARI, ITALY—Sapper Sam Brown, British pro welterweight on the Adriatic team, started his pro battling when only 16 years old. Up to now, his losses amount to only three, while he has won 47.

SOUTHERN FRANCE — S/Sgt. "Chink" Broussard, Louisiana boxer, is in charge of the Continental Advance Section boxing squad.

Pvt. Freddie Ephrem, brother of yours truly, has high praise for Buddy Garcia, 20-year-old youngster. Garcia, according to Freddie, is a boxing instructor at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, where brother Freddie is also located. Young Garcia has had former featherweight champion Harry Jeffra to referee many of his boxing bouts. Buddy is well thought of by his pals in camp and by the athletic officer in charge.

ROME, ITALY—An interesting boxing figure among the 8th Army members, is a Polish boxer, 35 years old, bedecked with sideburns and eye-catching moustache that would cause a stir in society circles. His name is Cpl. Bolko Zbigniew. Bolko is the Polish heavyweight champion. He weighs 180 pounds, and can use his ham-like dukes. The Pole has been boxing for 12 years. In 50 encounters he has won 40, including one tiff with a Negro American, Billy James, a Chicago boy. The scrap took place in Warsaw a few years ago, and Bolko won on points. Much of his fighting has been in France, Germany and other European countries.

EAST ITALY—Winners in the Adriatic Sector boxing meet received 50 dollar war bonds. They were the finalists in 250 elimination bouts that were held in Bari. The competition was paraded before the usual big turnout, giving a picture of how tremendously popular the sport of boxing is with the boys. As enthusiastic as were the boys, were also two high ranking officers, Major General Nathan Twining of the 15th AAF, and Brigadier General James A. Mollison of the 15th AFSC. Captain Donald Desmond of the 15th AFSC Special Service Section did a wonderful job in bringing out this feature boxing program.

ITALY—Junius Woods, Negro boxer who defeated Eddie O'Neal, and then captured the Tyrrhenian Zone amateur middleweight diadem, is a former Chicago CYC champ. Junius was several times defeated by Eddie in past bouts, but like the proverb, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," he came through.

ROME, ITALY—Eddie Riley, former boxing manager and boxer, now in the Army Air Corps in Rome, came across Sgt. Gerry Hall, former Quincy, Mass. featherweight, whom Eddie once managed. Eddie fought Kid Chocolate, the ex-Cuban Bon-Bon, and world's heavyweight champion during the 20's. As a manager, Eddie had such boys as Walter Franklin, Chester Rico, Mickey La Marr, Larry Kellum, Vic Dellicurti, Tommy Rawson and Abe Denner, according to Gerry.

ITALY—Pvt. Bernie Cady, Fifth Army professional featherweight boxer and their Algiers representative, came across two of his pals while on a visit to Florence, Italy—Dick Romero, California featherweight, and Larry Cisneros, New Mexico and California pro welterweight, both Fifth Army lads and team-mates. Dick and Larry were taken from the front lines to appear on exhibitions with the Billy Conn show that paid a visit there.

ENGLAND—Pfc. Mark Fannon, a great helping hand to the American servicemen who are stationed in his vicinity in England, writes that his brother, Richard, is now in France. Mark, one of The Ring's most versatile writers, has made and added a great number of friends since his trip overseas by his work for the boys' entertainment with boxing.

SOUTHERN FRANCE—Word from Pfc. Cecil "Buddy" Shumway, Fifth Army's amateur heavyweight boxer and winner in that division at the Algiers show, reveals that our buddy and also the Fifth Army amateur light-heavyweight, Cpl. Jim Palmer of Virginia, is a prisoner of the Nazis. Shumway, in Southern France, said Palmer, semi-finalist in the same Algiers tourney, was captured in the last part of October.

SOUTHERN FRANCE—Pvt. Walter Lusa writes that his new locality is Southern France. Walter has just forwarded Nat Fleischer some French stamps for the latter's collection.

INDIA—Our cousin, Pvt. Richard L. (Ricky) Saieg is with his Air Corps unit in India. He receives The Ring Magazines and places them in the Day Room for all to read.

Our address has changed, and we sure will appreciate all letters coming to this corner to be addressed in care of The Ring Editor, Nat Fleischer, Editor, The Ring Magazine, Madison Square Arcade, New York City, N. Y.

ITALY—Sgt. Al Hornstein of Savannah, Ga., and now with the 5th Army in Italy, informs me that Leo Center is on a seaplane tender near Los Angeles, and is training. Not so long ago he had two fights in Honolulu. In both instances, Leo was the winner by a knockout. The former middleweight champion, Fred Apostoli, was in the Georgian's corner each time.

TUNISIA, NORTH AFRICA—A boxing tournament here with the French running the show and receiving co-operation from American and English forces, did not turn out to be what was intended, according to a letter from Sgt. Don Wallenfang, who was one of the participants. From the rum of things, it seems that the French officials were trying to claim most of the titles that had no bouts listed in the classes. Only two bouts were actually fought, and in these, Wallenfang lost the junior welterweight title to Signorino, a French Army fighter. Don took the first round, but lost the next two. The bout was between pro battlers.

The amateur heavyweight crown was captured by Costantino, of the French Army, who took an American Navy boy, Jones, into camp with the decision. Wallenfang says he will retire from active boxing until he is back home and the war is over, as it is much too difficult to get into shape. Don's outfit, at this writing, has been 26 months overseas.

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC—Chief Specialist Al Nettlow, Detroit welterweight contender in the service of the U. S. Navy, is now doing duty in Australia. . . . Benny Cohen, who did a bang-up job for the Navy boys' boxing at Lee Field, Florida, is continuing likewise in the same capacity at Oceanside, California. . . . The Wolfson Brothers of Jacksonville, put three in the Service. Cecil, the youngest, was recently made Warrant Officer. The Wolfsons are great boxing lovers, and read The Ring. . . . Abrams' brother, Ben, is in England, and so is Georgie's brother-in-law. . . . Eddie Barnett, his good lightweight protege, is still in Jacksonville and holds the rating of Specialist, First Class. Eddie is still doing some boxing, and successfully.

The Ring Magazine is reaching Georgie very steadily.

I have two letters from the men who commanded the company of my Dear Beloved late Brother, S/Sgt. Vic Ephrem, who was among the fighting Americans who made the Supreme Sacrifice in France, on August 11, 1944. My first letter arrived from Vic's Executive Officer, Lt. Joseph T. Farrelly, who wrote from "Somewhere In Germany." Lt. Farrelly praised Dear Vic to the skies. "Vic was top, and we all loved him," he wrote. My Dear Family couldn't have asked anything finer than these beautiful words. Although Lt. Farrelly and I have never met, I can say that he is an officer whom his boys will be eagerly happy to follow. It is so very, very seldom that an officer will write such a warming letter as his to me, and close with "God Bless you—Your true pal,"

I know Dear Vic and his pals had the greatest respect and admiration for Lt. Farrelly. Dear God Safely Guide and Protect all our Boys and Allies.

My second letter was from Lieutenant General Omar N. Bradley, Commanding General of the Twelfth Army Group. General Bradley personally sent me word that every bit of information regarding Dear Vic will be forwarded as soon as possible, and added further, his personal sympathy. I want The Ring Magazine to broadcast my messages, since it is the best sender of news, to all my friends, my family's friends and all people who want to know under what kind of leaders our boys are serving.

A short time before my outfit pulled stakes from Sardinia to Corsica, one of the patients turned out to be a swell Jacksonville, Florida, pal of mine, Billy Brown, doing duty with the U. S. Merchant Marine. Billy is a Third Officer. In all his trips to many parts of the globe, Billy always succeeded in getting a Ring.

ROME, ITALY—When the boxers went into training at the U. S. Rest Camp here, the building they used was part of Mussolini's incompleted 1940 World's Fair Project, a big L-shaped construction. This building is part of the Foro d' Italia. Three rings were set up for the boys, built by the Special Service lads. A fourth ring was placed in the Brancaccio Theater. The latter was built by an engineering unit in Caserta and brought to the theater in four two-and-a-half ton trucks.

Two of the men who have given invaluable services are, S/Sgt. Ellie Goldstein of Hartford, Conn., and S/Sgt. Arthur E. Flynn of the Special Service unit.

ITALY—To Pfc. Earl Coggins—Somewhere in Italy—Joe Louis and Jimmy Braddock met only once. Joe relieved Braddock of his heavyweight championship by kayoing Jimmy in the eighth round. The bout took place in Chicago, on June 22, 1937.

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY—There was no big money at stake, nothing to gain, but there was the old love for boxing in his heart. That's why Lance-Corporal Bill Stemmler of the Canadian Army hitch-hiked it for 450 miles, from north of Rimini to Naples, in order to enter the Tyrrhenian Zone Sectional Championship Tourney. Although Bill didn't win the class title, amateur middleweight, he performed notably, scoring two kayoes.

BALTIMORE, MD., FISTIC FARE
By NATE PHILLIPS

THE CENTURY A. C. presented Walter Pop Eye Woods and Ellis Stewart in the feature attraction of ten rounds and Woods' craftiness was too much for Stewart to overcome. Stewart threw caution to the winds in the seventh round which was his best, only to be belted out in the next heat. Thus Woods advanced his winning streak here in Baltimore to three straight.

In sixes, George Williams won over Bobby Winters in a real old fashioned slugfest, and Bobby Thompson won over Willie Russell in a slam bang affair.

In fours, Sambo and Tiger Fox fought to a draw and Jean Kochs stopped James Lewis in two.

At the same club, Buddy Walker, a favorite with the local fight fans, hooked up with Perk Daniels of the Coast, with Buddy winning the nod at the end of a very nicely paced fight. Buddy carried the battle to his highly-touted foe, who seemed to be out of timing.

The semi of six, saw Foots Jackson pound out a win over George Williams in a spirited contest that the fans seemed to like very much. Bob Jennings, a newcomer, put the skids under Young Lee Q. Murray in the fourth, with a well-directed right to the midsection. In fours Caswell Harris won over Rudolf Brooks, and Leon Evans stopped Steve Gallan in two.

In the third bout of the month at the Century Club, Ossie Harris and Johnny Finazzo were featured in ten rounds, and in this, Johnny fighting his first main event before his fellow townsmen, was not to be denied when he beat the favored Harris.

In the semi of eight rounds Billy Miller won a split decision over Pedro Firpo. Firpo tried his best to make a fight of it by continually chasing Miller who was content to back pedal most of the way, but Miller's left hand was always in Firpo's face, and this most likely was instrumental in gaining for him the duke.

In fours Caswell Harris and Kid Lewis fought to a draw. Harry Alexander stopped Ernie Koch in four, and Edgar Poe stopped Don Mentzer in four.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

JOE MONTY, now under the writer's management, kayoed Young Tony of Boston, Mass., at New Bedford, Mass., in two rounds. This was a surprise to the Tony followers, as he was on a winning streak.

The death of Homer Rainault was quite a shock to the sport fans of this vicinity. Homer was active in putting Holyoke, Mass., on the map as a fight center. He also promoted in Hartford and West Springfield.

Joe O'Brien has a new fighter. He is now grooming Charlie Warrener and thinks he has a second Beau Jack in him.

Joe DeMaria is in control of the Valley Arena matchmaking department. Joe has had the right kind of experience and should be able to put the great little fight club in good financial condition. The gates have been growing since he took over after his discharge from the Army.

Al Caroly, who is now in Florida making matches for the American Legion, West Palm Beach, will be back on the job in West Springfield, Mass., next Spring, doing the honors for Al and George Broden of the Springfield Sports, Inc.

A meeting at the Paramount Gym brought together some of the leading boxing figures in this vicinity. They agreed to the remodeling of the gym, and refurnishing it so it will be one of the best in the western part of the state.

Moe Meyers is matchmaker of a boxing club in Albany, N. Y. Meyers is one of the top men in the boxing game in upper New York State. He has been in the game a long while and knows all the angles of running a good club. Managers wishing to do business with a reliable matchmaker should get in touch with Meyers.

Jerry Maloni has been turned down again by the Army. Jerry had a great year in 1944.

Leroy Jackson, part manager and trainer of St. Paul, Art McAlpine and Jackie Jordan, is a busy man these days, with offers for his men coming in from all over the East. Jackson has two good fighters in McAlpine and St. Paul.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

GEORGE "SUGAR" COSTNER, welter sensation out of Cincinnati, Ohio, now residing in Evanston, Ill., continues with his knockout jamborees. "Sugar" beat Tommy James, South Side Negro, in the brief time of 2:46 of the 2nd stanza. James for one round held the spectacular Costner on even terms meeting every exchange with his own delivery. But with the start of round two, Costner opened up with a devastating right to Tommy's jaw, spilling the game Windy City fighter for a short count. James managed to arise thrice more before being counted out. They were scheduled to go the distance of eight rounds.

Ted Christie, New York City featherweight, who has been fighting quite frequently hereabouts, floored Joe Poindexter, Indianapolis, Indiana, in the first canto, also in a scheduled eight-rounder.

In a six-round special event, Roland Hopp, lean built Indiana Indian, was presented a "gift" verdict over stout-hearted Mike Sopko, East Chicago middleweight representative—Sopko at intervals alternated his attack from body to head with success, yet the officials erred.

Walter Halba, Milwaukee lightweight, won over Tommy Graham, Wichita, Kansas, 128-pounder, via the kayo route in one frame. After an exchange of hefty rights, Halba dropped Graham for a 9-count. They then started to battle again and the referee for some unknown reason, halted proceedings awarding the Milwaukeean the bout. Time, 1:09.

And in still another K.O. route Buddy Rose, Ohio middleweight belter, connected with a sledgehammer right on James Wilson's jaw, for a quick one-round knockout.

The only bout to go the required distance was the extra match offered between Eddie (Kid) Carson, Negro welterweight, and Jerry Pittro (Baby Galento), Westside Italian. Carson took down the nod in four rounds.

Clayton Worlds, Chicagoan, now busily engaged in the fight industry out in California, won handily over Big Al Hart of Washington, D. C., in ten rounds at Los Angeles, Cal.

Holman Williams is still garnering his share of main event assignments. The agile Negro trekked over to New Orleans, La., and larruped Joe Carter in 10 rounds.

Ace Miller, Los Angeles representative of Tommy O'Loughlin, opposed and defeated the fleet-footed Johnny Bratton in 8 rounds.

In the semi-windup feature of six rounds, Ted Christie, diminutive N. Y. City 126-pounder, won a sloppy glove affair from A. C. Lee of Indianapolis, Ind.

Gene Simmons, Indianapolis light-heavyweight, assimilated a beating for three rounds, then came back to make a fight of it in the remainder of the six-round bout with Claude Ellison of Des Moines, Iowa, and Ellison won.

Walter Halba, Milwaukee 135-pounder, and Raymond Glenn, Indianapolis, Ind., 132-pounder, went four rounds to a standstill.

And in the opening contest, Dan Robinson, Chicago Negro, fought a draw of four rounds with Sammy Saunder of Memphis, Tennessee.

Tony Matio, athletic director of the Illinois Athletic Club, is doing a splendid job of furthering enrollments of his health classes there. And Emil Baksic, a tough welterweight of a decade ago, is a masseur at the club.

Johnny Flannagan, former Negro light-heavyweight sensation from Chicago, chalked up another kayo, this time one Jack Talmer, in four rounds, on the New Year Day card at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, that headlined Juste Fontaine, winner over Maxie Shapiro.

George "Sugar" Costner achieved a second one-round kayo over Jimmy Hunt. This time Costner turned the trick at Indianapolis. On the same card Robert Simmons stopped Jimmy Wilson in two rounds after an extended layoff.

Johnny Bratton, speedy lightweight, was credited with a two-round knockout over Ted Christie, New York featherweight, at the Marigold Gardens. Christie was down six times and the referee halted proceedings.

In the semi-windup, Corp. Buddy Rose beat Paul Frazier via the kayo route in round five.

Walter Halba, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, lightweight youngster, won an amateurish bout from Nick Stenson, Cincinnati 137-pounder—4 rounds.

Fred Bailey, Taylorville, Ill., 161-pounder, suffered a nine count knockdown at the hands of Woody Green, Indianapolis, Ind., 160-pounder, then opened a barrage to put Green away for keeps in round three.

And in the opening joust Hubert Hood, recently honorably discharged from the Army, beat John Copeland, Detroit 269-pounder, in five rounds.

Pvt. Mickey Grod, former pro scrapper, out of Chicago, is a very busy boxing instructor at Camp Farnin, Texas. Good work, Mickey!

Ed Hintz and Rube Metz are two of the oldest boxing officials in point of service in the State of Illinois.

Attention: Phil Collins! How about re-entering the pro-circle as a third man? Your capability as a ring arbiter is sorely needed.

Johnny Coulon, former bantamweight champion, in the early twenties, is a busy man these days. What with maintaining his duties at his gymnasium at 63rd St. and University Ave., Johnny finds time to go over to the Morgan Park Military Academy to enlighten future officers in the art of fistiana.

Lou Angelucci, 6 ft., 160-pound middleweight from Chicago's Southside, won a hard-fought eight-round entanglement from Mike Sopko, East Chicago, 159-pounder, in a Marigold Gardens bout.

Art McWhorter, Gary, Indiana, 169-pound stablemate of Sopko's, was awarded a draw for his efforts against Hubert Hood, 178-pound Chicagoan. They battled it out for six rounds.

Paul Frazier, Chicago Negro 175-pounder, won a lop-sided, as well as uninteresting five-round bout from Bud Hershey, Fort Wayne, Ind., novice.

Walter Halba won a fast contest of five rounds from Eddie (Kid) Carson.

Jimmy Wilson, Southside middleweight, chalked up a one-round kayo over Chuck Swango, another Fort Wayne Hoosierite. They are middleweights.

And so, until next month—fights off! Yours Truly, Gene Engel, can be contacted at his home address, 2121 East 68th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

CLEVELAND BOXING NEWS
By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

PROMOTERS BOB BRICKMAN and Larry Atkins presented an excellent show at the Arena the latter part of December. In the feature bout of 10 rounds, Tommy Bell (148), Youngstown, decisively defeated Chuck Hunter (146), Cleveland, in a swell engagement. Chuck considerably improved, led at the halfway mark, but Bell took charge in the sixth and had the clever Hunter in serious trouble several times. Bell showed the effects of his long layoff but once he found the range he was unbeatable.

In the semi-final Johnny Flynn (208), Rochester, won a split decision over Pfc. Joe Maxim (183), Cleveland. It was an exceptionally fast bout for big fellows with cleverness and solid punches on the part of both contestants throughout the 10 rounds.

Pvt. Bob Blevins (185), San Francisco, carried too many guns for the clever and smart Jean Fink (192), Akron, Ohio. The result was a T.K.O. for the soldier in the fourth round of a scheduled five-rounder.

Stanley Myka (205), Buffalo, kayoed Frank Perroni (190), Canton, in the third round of a scheduled five-rounder.

Tony Brush (152), Cleveland, won the decision over Artie Brown (151), Chicago, in a crowd-pleasing five-rounder. Brush got off the floor in the fourth and fought a beautiful fifth round to edge the Chicagoan.

Harry Teaney, lightweight contender, has joined Uncle Sam's forces. Leroy Jackson, popular featherweight, will resume boxing after a brief absence from the ring. He, however, continued on his war job at Thompson Products, which he has held since graduation from high school in June, 1943.

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BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

IKE WILLIAMS, the smashing Trenton, N. Y., Negro lightweight, hammered Dave Castilloux of Montreal to helplessness in five rounds at Memorial Auditorium on Dec. 11. Castilloux, game as a pebble, simply could not withstand the terrific blows of the Trenton Negro boy and Referee Luke Carr halted the bout after one minute and fifty-three seconds of the fifth round. It was a wise decision on the referee's part.

Williams and Castilloux provided the only boxing offered in Buffalo during the month of December, 1944. The Gus Lesnevich-Phil Muscato match, scheduled for Dec. 27, was ordered cancelled by the U. S. Coast Guard on the day of the contest. Lesnevich, a coast guard member, was in Buffalo but had orders not to do any boxing. Promoter Billy Mitchie of the Fairview A. C. suffered a loss of some $1500 without even a chance for his money. It was indeed tough pickings for Mitchie and his partner, Dewey Michaels.

In preliminary bouts on the Williams-Castilloux program, Sunny Hampton, Buffalo, 134, and Johnny Virgo, Rochester, 139, fought a thrilling six-rounder with Hampton winning the duke. Cliff Beckett of Sudbury, Ont., one of the best crowd pleasers to show in Buffalo, stopped Clyde Miller, New York, two rounds; Joe Miller, Buffalo, 138, beat Fred Patterson, Rochester, 148, four rounds; Jackie Robinson, New York, 167, knocked out Frankie Rose, Philadelphia, one round.

Officials were Referee Luke Carr; Judges Anse Carroll and Fred Hegnauer; Ike Klipfel, timer; announcer, Manny Weiss.

The crowd fell way off from the bumper house that saw Williams flatten Johnny Green but Ike is a sweet card in Buffalo and matched with a good fighter will pack the auditorium.

Jack Singer, the Hudson A.C. promoter, has Johnny Green boxing for him again and this time Green will face Maxie Berger, Canadian lightweight champion. Berger is one of the best and will certainly extend Green to the limit. Green can give a good account of himself with any of the 135-pounders despite his setback at the hands of the sensational Ike Williams. Others slated for places on Singer's card are: Prentiss Hall, Johnny Montreal, Joie Miller and Lou Presto in a comeback attempt.

The Fairview club announces that Sugar Robinson, Lee Oma, Ike Williams, Billy Arnold, the sensational Philadelphia schoolboy, and others will all be shown at the auditorium during the next few months.

It took a severe snow storm to make Jack Herman and Jerry Monahan cancel a wrestling card. Week in and week out for over ten years Herman's club has been going along, packing 'em in. Buffalo went through one of the worst storms in the history of the weather bureau during the month of December. Thanks to Mayor Joe Kelly and his far-sightedness in securing priorities so the city could purchase gigantic snowplows, the war plants in this district were kept going. Take a bow, Mayor Joe!

Around the Town . . . Bert Finch will have Mike Martyk ready for all comers at 130 pounds within a week or so. . . . Finch has half a dozen promising youngsters training nights but they are war workers and "Uncle Bert" can't uncover them till after the war. . . . Bill Kaliska, who represents an Atlanta, Ga., soft drink company, was in town for the National Association baseball meeting. Kaliska, an old Buffalo boy was around renewing friendships. . . . He asked about Dick Loadman, the great bantamweight of twenty years ago. . . . Dick, by the way, is working in the steel mill at Homestead, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES
By NAT FRANK

"FOR the protection of the boxing public throughout the entire nation, it would be fitting to have a 'Judge Landis of Boxing.' In my opinion the selection of a nationally-known figure, one who knew his boxing law and one who can command respect, will do more for the upholding of the fistic code than any individual boxing body can do."

The above statement was made by Commission Chairman Leon L. Rains of Pennsylvania during a recent interview with Tom Moorehead, sports commentator of Radio Station WFIL, an affiliate of the Blue Network.

Tom Moorehead pressed Chairman Rains for his reasons for such a statement and the head solon of the Keystone State set forth seven different ideas just why such a plan would help all concerned, especially the paying public.

1. By having a National Commissioner, there would be no reason for various State Commissions making their own ring titleholders and there would eventually be one recognized world champion.

2. There would be no more cases of fighters who were turned down by one state for physical ailments, going to other states and passing physicals, because of laxity of examinations.

3. Those detrimental to the boxing game, who have been suspended or had their licenses revoked for the good of the sport, won't be able to snub their noses at rulings of one state by packing their bags and peddling their wares in no affiliated states.

4. It would serve its purpose in doing away with "chiseling managers," who take out a license in one state and fail to do likewise in other states, thus cheating the other Commonwealths out of license fees.

5. Fight managers in the undesirable class, who manage "divers" and doctor up records of "never was" or "has been" fistmen, won't be able to get away with their underhanded and cheating methods and would be forever banished from the game.

6. Those fight managers who treat contracts with promoters as a mere "scrap of paper" won't be able to sign up for a fight in one state and then jump the agreement by fighting in another state just because another promoter upped the ante somewhat and gave the fighter an "easier opponent."

7. A "Boxing Judge Landis" would be the proper answer to all of these "Black Marks" and do away with "Boxing Black Markets." Just who this man may be is up to the various states to decide. There are numerous capable and respected men who would fill such a position nobly.

Chairman Rains also told Tom Moorehead and his WFIL listeners that he would also favor each state paying $2500 annually towards a salary for "Mauldom's Master of All Mittdom."

Pennsylvania's foremost fistic promoter, Herman Taylor, who holds the distinction of standing second to Mike Jacobs as the world's greatest dispenser of walloping wares, announced his financial fistic figures for the year ended 1944. He totaled $449,146.40 in the 21 clouting cards he presented to his fans at the Arena (indoors and outdoors), Convention Hall and Shibe Park.

Bob Montgomery, world lightweight champion and currently a corporal in the United States Army, was top gate attraction for the second consecutive year. He drew a $55,828 gate for his contest with Ike Williams, Trenton's entry for lightweight laurels.

The following figures are the complete "mauling monies" taken in through the presentation of the beak busting battlers under the Herman Taylor promotional banner during 1944:

Bob Montgomery vs. Ike Williams, $55,828; Gus Dorazio vs. Dusty Wilkerson, $10,831.25; Ike Williams vs. Ellis Phillips, $16,015; Jose Basora vs. Harold Smith, $18,732.50.

Ike Williams vs. Joe Peralta, $17,908.75; Ike Williams vs. Mike Delia, $26,777.81; Willie Pep vs. Jackie Leamus, $11,728.07; Ike Williams vs. Slugger White, $24,645.91.

Sammy Angott vs. Ike Williams, $46,025.50; Jackie Floyd vs. Santa Bucca, $15,906.94; Roman Alvarez vs. Billy Arnold, $12,024.04; Ike Williams vs. Joey Pirrone, $13,910.37; Jackie Floyd vs. Frankie Carto, $15,308.75.

Sammy Angott vs. Ike Williams, $34,251.62; Freddie Dawson vs. Ike Williams, $19,380.19; Jose Basora vs. Holman Williams, $12,375.27; Melio Bettina vs. Saint Thomas, $15,290.26.

Billy Arnold vs. Mayon Padlo, $23,570.32; Ike Williams vs. Willie Joyce, $25,756.84; Billy Arnold vs. Mayon Padlo, $11,930.06; Ray Robinson vs. Sheik Rangel, $20,948.95. Total, $449,146.40.

The Veteran Boxers' Association held its annual election and Chick Carsey, the ever-popular president, was reelected to the highest office for a third consecutive term. Chick certainly merited the high honors bestowed upon him, for he has accomplished some rare deeds on behalf of his worthy group.

Joe Wright was elected vice-president; Young Lew Tendler again became the official secretary; Battling Murray, one of the greatest flyweights the game has known, repeats as treasurer; ditto for Joe McMullan as financial secretary, and Pat Bradley and Tyrone Costello as sergeants-at-arms.

The board of directors will be composed of ex-President Danny McCabe, Benny Kauffman, Joe Segaratis, Dave Ferris, former welterweight champion; Harry Lewis, Hughey O'Brien, Jimmy Eagan, Johnny Clark and Joe Guinan, an accomplished vocalist and a member of Philly's detective force.

Speaking of the V. B. A., we wish to state that evasive Harry Pegg, editor of the *Veteran Magazine,* a splendid publication, is hale after a long siege of illness. Pegg has been dodging an interview with us for so long that we are planning to trap him in an unguarded moment and give THE RING readers a few praise paragraphs about this popular Irishman, who seems to shun praise on his behalf and see to it that his beloved organization gets the proper plaudits. . . . Willie Patterson, former stablemate of retired undefeated light-heavyweight titleholder Tommy Loughran, is the M. C. at all club functions. And a mighty fine introducer of "celebs" is this one-time lightweight. He does a grand job and the club membership, as well as all visitors to the headquarters, know it.

The annual Christmas kiddie party, staged by the Ladies' Auxiliary, headed by Mrs. Danny McCabe, went off in its usual high-class manner with all adults pitching in and doing their duty by the guests of honor, the tiny tots and chubby children, who received presents and eatables. May the Ladies' Auxiliary keep in continued good health and supervise these annual affairs. They make everyone happy. . . . Ray Mitchell, rugged lightweight of two decades ago, was recently sworn in as a deputy sheriff. . . . Fistiana is mourning the loss of Tommy Farley, the slamming southpaw, who passed away last December as a result of a stroke. Farley had fought the best during the 1920 to 1930 era in the lightweight field.

WITH THE OLD-TIMERS—Leslie Pearce is recuperating from a rather serious illness in his Germantown abode. . . . A replica of the twenty-round era, Pearce celebrated his 76th birthday recently. . . . He has been associated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles for the past 35 years. . . . Leslie's brother Arthur, who coached him for all his major engagements, manages the R.K.O. Theatre in Trenton, N. J. . . . Jimmy Fryer, a ranking lightweight around the turn of the century, is mourning the loss of his mother. . . . Roundy Donohue is now a boss painter for John B. Kelly, the former sculling champion, who held down the Democratic state chairmanship for a number of years. . . . The former heavyweight, Joe Sofi, is affiliated with the trucking industry.

Pfc. Roy Tendler, son of Lew, sustained wounds in one shoulder, both hips, forearm and back during the invasion of France. . . . He's out of the hospital and back in action again. . . . Al Tendler (no relation), is a restaurateur like his more famous namesake. . . . Al performed creditably in bantamweight circles. . . . Danny Fields, the Delaware River Bridge patrolman, spent Christmas Eve entertaining Clementon, N. J., youngsters at Kid Locke's annual kiddies' Christmas party. . . . Others on the program included Ruth Reeves, Dolores Messick, Margie Peters, Gerry Wald and Dolores Dawson, nationally famed juvenile radio performers. . . . Georgie Amblard, the French lightweight, is now with General Patton's contingency in Germany.

Prince Henry disposed of his concession in Central Park, Bethlehem, Pa., to return to his first love—managing fighters. . . . Sal Burdo, the Manayunk lightweight, is being mentioned for a promotion at the Sampson, N. Y., naval training center. . . . Johnny Nelson, a rattling good lightweight in his day, was recently promoted to Captain with the bureau of fire. . . . Willie Ferguson, now on the West Coast, informs that Honeyboy Finnegan, the former Bostonian, is a lieutenant in the Navy and in charge of a shore patrol in California. . . . Finnegan extended Benny Bass to the limit in local arenas several times.

Lou Jaffe, the boxing authority, is home from Florida and looks better than he has for a long while. . . . Chick Niederman, one-time flyweight contender, conducts a wholesale tobacco business uptown. . . . Kid Beebe, veteran of over 500 ring engagements, celebrated his 63rd natal day recently. . . . The Kid is still in fairly good physical condition and a familiar figure at all boxing shows hereabouts. . . . Charlie Ward, upstate fight trainer 30 years ago, is now sports editor of the Detroit *Free Press.* . . . Allentown's Terry McHugh, who met Pete Herman and all the leading bantamweights of his day, is also in Detroit and holds down a responsible position with Ford Motors. . . . Eddie Morton is ailing at his home. . . . Eddie has been an employee at the Philadelphia Navy Yard for the past five years. . . . Weekly boxing shows are still being staged during noon time for employees at the yard, with Joe Smith, manager of former light-heavyweight champion, Tommy Loughran, arranging the matches and Billy Richards refereeing the contests.

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LEO DULMAINE, 135, New England lightweight champion. Fought split decisions with Cleo Shans and Carmine Fatta. Beat Joey Pirrone, Joey Silva, Kelly Jessup, Phil Norman and Johnny Dudley.
BUCKY TAYLOR, 138, Baltimore Hebrew, who drew with Carmine Fatta and beat Charley Smith.
BUSTER TYLER, 140, Florida's Black Panther. Winner over Ruby Garcia, Freddie Addeo, Patsy Spataro, and Maxie Shapiro.
MAXIE BERGER, 147, former Canadian lightweight and welterweight champion.
JOE MATONE, 150, Brooklyn club fighter. Fought sensational fights with Johnny Greco, Harold Green and Freddie Archer.
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IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS

By ANTHONY COPPI

SAMUEL L. (SAM) MURBARGER, secretary of the Indiana State Athletic Commission and a colorful figure in professional boxing and wrestling circles for many years, died of a heart attack at his home in Indianapolis during the month. Murbarger, sixty-nine, was considered one of the best all-around athletes of all time. Besides wrestling (he was world's welterweight champion when he was 21 years old) he also excelled in professional bike racing and gained national recognition as an end with a pro football team in Indianapolis. Sam managed the late Jack Dillon, the Hoosier Bearcat. He also piloted Gus Christie of Milwaukee. He served as president of the National Boxing Association and since 1941 has been honorary permanent president.

Mr. Murbarger was athletic commissioner for eight years during the one-man commission days established under former Governor Paul V. McNutt. Since the one-man-rule has been abolished, Sam has been secretary of a three-man board.

George (Sugar) Costner, two-fisted Cincinnati welterweight blasted out another one-round triumph at the Armory when the Queen City title contender stopped Jimmy Hunt of Chicago by a technical knockout after 2:35 of the first canto. Costner had his Windy City rival on the canvas three times while racking up his 22nd consecutive K.O. win, before Referee Dick Patton stepped in to halt the slaughter. Hunt was completely outclassed. Costner downed Hunt for counts of seven, nine and nine before the end. Each belter scaled 147.

Robert Simmons, Indianapolis welterweight, after an absence of almost two years from local ring stepped back into local prominence by knocking out Jimmy Wilson of Chicago in round two of scheduled five. Simmons' absence was due to defense work and he will continue in the ring when off duty from his job at a local war plant.

Seaman 1/c Curly Denton, boxing instructor at the Bunker Hill naval air station, won a five-round sizzler from Buddy Rose, Ft. Thomas, Ky. Rose was down for counts of eight and nine in the first round, then rallied toward the finish to gain prestige with the crowd who booed the verdict.

Mike McKessick, Indianapolis, 147½, stopped dropping Frank Gaffney, 149, Chicago, twice, was by a technical knockout in the third round of scheduled five.

Roland Hopp, 163, local Chippewa Indian, decisioned Chas. (Young) Webb, 173, Indianapolis in five rounds.

Gene Simmons, Indianapolis lightheavy, lost close decision to clowning John D. Vorce of Detroit in Pittsburgh. Simmons staged a late rally in the ten-round bout to make it close enough for the referee to call it a draw. The judges voted for Vorce. Weights: Simmons 170, Vorce 177.

Though not always victorious A. C. Lee, local lightweight, keeps himself busy. During the past month he participated in three bouts in one week. He lost to Ted Christie at Chicago in six rounds, beat Ray Glenn in four at Superior, Wis., and lost to Al Jordan in five heats at Milwaukee. Lee, former three times featherweight champion here in the Golden Gloves, has been fighting professionally only eight months yet has had twenty-two bouts.

Hubert Hood, Chicago heavyweight, surprised local fans by pounding out a ten-round close decision over Colion Chaney, local heavyweight pro, at the downtown Armory. Chaney, a slow starter, rallied in the late rounds to pull himself almost even with Hood who held the edge in experience. Although both boys are heavy punchers no knockdowns were scored.

Hood weighed 195; Chaney 190.

Robert Simmons, Indianapolis welter, won a well-earned six-rounder over Bobby Fowler, Chicago, in the semi-windup. These 140 pounders dished out plenty of action throughout.

The best bout of the evening's soiree was a six-round tiff between Seaman 1/c Curly Denton, Bunker Hill Navy Air Base, and Arnold Dell, Indianapolis middleweight. A superior left hand by the sailor proved to be the deciding factor as he gained the nod in a rattling good bout. Denton, who tipped the scales at 159 pounds to Deer's 162, dropped the first two rounds to his opponent but came back to win the last four.

Mike McKessick, another Indianapolis middleweight, scored his second straight technical knockout over Frank Gaffney, Chicago, when the referee halted action after 1:06 of the first heat of the scheduled five.

A. C. Lee, local lightweight, decisioned Gene Carson also of this city in the opening six-rounder.

The Grim Reaper claimed the life of Jack Daugherty, assistant sports editor of the Indianapolis *Times*, and a familiar figure at boxing bouts held at the Armory and outdoor Sports Arena. A veteran newspaperman, having served as reporter, rewriteman, copy reader and in the sports department, Mr. Daugherty covered many fights for his paper. He had been with the *Times* since 1936. He was well known among boxing enthusiasts. Death resulted from a heart attack.

Jack Durham, local Negro middleweight, has an impressive record, has a stable of amateur fighters. Durham also serves as boxing instructor for a police PAL club and each year enters amateurs in the local annual Golden Gloves tourney. Durham in turn is managed by Tom Lee when fighting professionally.

Gene (Tiny) Bland, who did plenty of tossing here as a heavyweight, is now attending Butler University where he is a mainstay on the basketball squad. Bland, recently medically discharged from the navy, is 6 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs 265 pounds.

RING SCRAPS: Lou Thomas, former Greek heavyweight, who was the opponent of Al Anderson (Swede) when the latter died of a heart attack in the ring, is now soldiering as M.P. at Fort Dix. . . . Best boxers of the day appearing in Indianapolis rings were Buddy Walker, heavyweight; Cpl. Jerry Kiger, welterweight; Geo. Sugar Costner, welter, and Tony Antone, lightweight. . . . A highlight on the recent Tom Chaney card was an exhibition between Tuffy Griffith-Ruffy Leeper, sons of Tom Leeper, local veteran fight pilot. The scrap "grossed" almost fifty dollars from coins pitched into the ring. . . . Wilbur McCoy, who boxed here as a lightweight, both pro and amateur, and is now with the maritime service, having made several trips across, was a recent visitor to the armory.

In answer to numerous letters sent to this corner regarding bookings in local rings. All letters and inquiries are turned over to the local matchmaker and promoter, Lloyd Carter, for consideration. This writer's address is 1325 E. Taber, Indianapolis 3, Ind.

IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

DICK ROSS, seventeen-year-old 175-pounder, and Buster Arnestad, sixteen-year-old 125-pounder, are fast developing into good boxing prospects. Both are amateurs, but this writer who has been developing Tacoma boxers for the past twenty-seven years, bets his bottom dollar these two kids have the goods.

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Elliott Metcalf, peer of Pacific Coast Sports Writers, has turned tavern owner. Elliott has taken over the popular North End Tavern in the North End of this city. Elliott continues to give out with his good sports dope for the Tacoma *Times*. "Mets" young son, Dave, is manager of his pappy's tavern enterprise.

The latter part of the coming March will see a State wide prep school boxing tournament held at the State College in Pullman, Washington. To you former Lincoln High School boys now in the Armed forces here and over there, Lincoln is aiming to send a team of Abe ring-men to this meet. After this slug-fest is over with I will write up the dope for you which you may read in this out-standing boxing magazine, THE RING.

January 15th will see our State Governor-elect, Mon. C. Wallgren, seated down in the Capitol, Olympia. The new State Chief is sports minded, and is expected to set up the State's new Athletic Commission. Here is hoping the new Governor will find a way to lower the all-too-high state licenses. Such an act would permit the smaller towns to give out with boxing shows.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.
By JIM ECHOLS

A small gathering viewed the heavyweight go between Melio Bettina of Beacon, N. Y., and Georgie Parks of Washington, D. C., staged by the Liberty A. C. at Ulines. It was an excellent bout, with Bettina copping the duke. Inclement weather kept the attendance down.

Melio, a 1 to 10 favorite, had a few uneasy moments during this encounter, but the veteran New Yorker had things pretty much his own way. Most of the time Melio evaded Parks' potent right with his shiftiness and boxing ability.

In the sixth frame, Jimmy Grippo, Bettina's manager, jumped into the ring thinking he had heard the bell, thereby coming close to disqualifying Bettina. But with some 30 seconds to go to the end of the round, and skillful handling of the situation by Referee Eddie LaFond, matters were cleared.

Pete Sawyer, manager of Parks, when questioned after the bout said, "We win our bouts in the ring and not with the help of the rule book. It was a misunderstanding and I'm glad there was no disqualification."

Bettina scaled in at 194 to Parks' 184.

The semi-final, a six, featured "Foots" Jackson, 153, Atlanta, and Lee Datts, 159, Philadelphia, in a draw.

In another six, Pete Virgin, 125, N. Y. C., won via the T.K.O. route, over Willie Alexander, 123, Chester, Pa., in 2:59½ of the first round after Willie had been dropped twice for a nine count. Two fours, both first round kayoes, making three in all, saw Smuggy Hersey, 146, Washington, kayo Willie Snead in 1:38 of the first, and Ernie Pope, 181, Washington, stopped Joe Green, 181, Washington, in 29 seconds of the first.

Joe Turner's pre-Christmas show featured Bee Bee Washington of Washington and Ossie "Bull Dog" Harris of Pittsburgh in a nine-round event. It was a rousing bout that ended in a draw. The reason for the uneven number of rounds was that Washington wanted eight stanzas, while Harris favored ten, and as a result they compromised on nine rounds. The veteran Harris looked good, but he seemed content to use a left jab solely to keep Washington on the defensive. During the entire nine rounds, Washington threw no more than a dozen right hands. Ringside writers differed on the decision but to your reporter, a draw seemed about right. Washington weighed 160 to 167 for Harris.

In the semi-windup, an eight, Pittsburgh Billy Miller, 133, decisioned Harry Diduck, 134, Brooklyn. Miller showed to good advantage in his first appearance in D. C.

Three four-rounders comprised the prelims, with Gary Rice, 151, Alexandria, Va., finishing strong to win the decision over Norvel Gaddis, 143½, Washington, a crowd pleaser. Waddy Forcey, 160, kayo'd Kid Lacey, 161½, in 2:08 of the third round. And the opener saw Ernie Pope, 173, cop the duke over Jimmy Brown, 182, in a real brawl. It was a good card with a near-capacity house.

With heavyweight champion Joe Louis a ringside spectator, Ray (Sugar) Robinson, Detroit, technically knocked out Billy Furrone, Philadelphia, in 2:28 of the second of a scheduled 10-round bout. Sugar Robinson, weighing 148 pounds, never gave Furrone, 146, a chance. After rocking Furrone repeatedly in the first, Robinson scored four knockdowns in the second round. The other bouts resulted as follows:

Pete Virgin, 127, New York, technically knocked out Felix Ramirez, 127, New York, in the third of a six. Jimmy Bell, 182, Washington, drew with Johnny Clark, 176, New York (6). Eddie Davis, 142, Baltimore, decisioned Battling Shifty, 141, Washington (6).

SOUTH FLORIDA RING NOTES
By C. O. HART

JOCK LESLIE, hard-hitting Flint, Mich., featherweight, made his debut before Miami fans by scoring a one-round kayo over Marcel Fournier, youthful Montreal veteran, in the feature bout of Promoter Sam Weinstein's card at Miami Field, the baseball park adjoining the Orange Bowl.

Fournier, who had won four straight fights in Miami, was caught "cold" by Leslie, whom he had given a good scrap a few months earlier at West Springfield, Mass. In their first meeting Leslie won on a technical knockout in the sixth round when Fournier suffered a badly cut mouth.

In the semi-final, David Junior, promising young welterweight, stopped Paddy O'Riley, Cleveland, in four rounds. The match was slated for six but Junior proved far too good.

West Palm Beach—A crowd of some 1500 fans was on hand at the American Legion Arena to see Matchmaker Al Caroly's opening fight show of the winter season, a benefit card for the *Post-Times* Empty Stocking Fund.

Three eight-round bouts were scheduled but only one of them went the distance. That clash saw Marcel Fournier, Montreal 130-pounder, outpoint Doug Lester of Miami in an action-packed scrap.

Joe Bellotti, veteran Palm Beach slugger, flattened Henry Kid Briere, Hartford, Conn., in one round of their scheduled eight and David Junior, Baron Pate's welterweight youngster, stopped Oliver Hamm in round two. Hamm took a terrific pasting but fought and won a main event in Jacksonville, several times the size of this city, less than a week later.

Miami—Jack Larrimore, Miami Beach welterweight, formerly ranked among the nation's best, battled to a ten-round draw with Frankie Conti, 140-pounder from Haverhill, Mass., at Miami Field. It was a hard-fought contest all the way.

Jock Leslie, the Flint, Mich., featherweight slugger, stopped Doug Lester of Miami in five rounds and in a six-rounder Lou Miller, Miami Beach middleweight, outpointed Sandy Mack in a slugfest.

West Palm Beach—Norman (Hi-Ho) Silver, classy New York 128-pounder, outpointed Marcel Fournier of Montreal over the eight-round distance in the feature bout at the American Legion Arena. Silver showed that he is one of the nation's leading fighters of his weight but Fournier was game and earned the plaudits of the fans in defeat.

Joe Bellotti, 138-pound veteran, continued his winning ways by stopping Sailor Billy Jackson in the second round of a scheduled eight. The best fight of the night however, was the main preliminary scrap in which rugged Sandy Mack and Joe Bates, Oklahoma City middleweight, hit each other with just about everything but the ringposts before Mack got in a kayo wallop in the fourth round.

West Palm Beach—Substituting for Ulysses Valle, who claimed illness, Sandy Mack scored an upset when he stopped David Junior, Washington, D. C., welterweight, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight-rounder at the American Legion Arena.

Mack, who had a decided weight advantage, took a trouncing in the first four rounds and it looked several times as if he might get knocked out. But in the fifth Sandy held his favored opponent to a draw, getting in good body wallops, and in the sixth cornered Junior and gave him such a going over that he failed to answer the bell for the seventh.

Henry Kid Briere, Hartford, Conn., lightweight, stopped Doug Lester in two rounds of another scheduled eight-rounder. Lester was on the deck twice in the first round and Referee Joe Lynn decided that he'd had enough after Briere continued to punch him about in the second.

Fistic notes from here and there . . . . Clarence "Cotton" King, West Palm Beach lightweight who defeated Joey Peralta and other top-notch mittmen, is in the Naval Hospital at Treasure Island, Calif., and may be a civilian by the time this issue hits the newsstands. . . . All indications point to the best fight season at West Palm Beach in many years and any fighter who would like to spend a couple of months in Florida this winter can be assured of plenty of work if he will contact Al Caroly or the writer at the American Legion Arena, Clematis St., West Palm Beach, Fla.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By BILLY COLBERT

HOWARD Bleyhl from Madison, Minn., N. W. Golden Glove welterweight champion, enlisted in the Army and over in England for two years has engaged in ten bouts. He boxed the semi-windup on the Joe Louis boxing card in England. His manager Les Johnson also handles Frank Androff, Minneapolis heavyweight.

Bill Oliver, Duluth middleweight, just discharged from the Navy, is looking for action.

Chuck Hensel, the Watertown, Minn., heavyweight, is now in the Army and stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Jackie Graves, Austin, Minn., 124, knocked out Curley St. Angelo, Garfield, N. J., 128, in the first round. The show drew over $6000 at the Minneapolis Auditorium on December 29. In the semi-windup, Hank Postaway, Scott Field heavyweight, and Vince Van, Milwaukee heavyweight, boxed a six-round draw. George De Gideo, Minneapolis, 126, and Stan Cieslak, Detroit, Mich., 128, fought the best fight of the night and De Gideo received the decision.

St. Paul Auditorium—Dec. 15—St. Paul returned to professional boxing after a layoff of three years. Lee Savold, St. Paul heavyweight, put up one of the best fights of his career and won over Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia, in a bout that had the fans yelling from the beginning to the end of the bout. 6000 fans paid a gross of $12,576 to see the show and they were not disappointed.

Other bouts on the card ended as follows: Louie Long, Chicago, 201, won over Frank Androff, Minneapolis, 192, in six rounds.

Charley Riley, St. Louis, 130, knocked out Jimmy Gannon, St. Louis, 131, in the second round.

Frank Genovese, 178, Toronto, knocked out Al Barbour, Pittsburgh, 177, in the second round.

Archie Willmer, Philadelphia, 128, won the decision over Al Jordan, Milwaukee, 130, in six rounds.

Al Irwin, Minneapolis, 134, won by a technical knockout over Walt Houba, Milwaukee, 133, in four rounds.

My Sullivan, former welterweight contender, has a good prospect in George Baca, amateur middleweight from Minneapolis, Minn.

Ray Temple is now in his fifties. He is now the manager of the best prospect in St. Paul, Jimmy O'Hare heavyweight.

Sgt. Johnny Stanton, Minneapolis lightweight, wearer of the Silver Cross and personally decorated by the late Maj. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, member of the American Rangers in the heavy fighting in France, is back home on a furlough.

Bobby Ward has returned from overseas. He was with the Marines for over two years and is now in New Orleans, La. Bobby boxed all the best boys twenty years ago

Lieut. Johnny Hanschen, Minneapolis heavyweight, former Golden Glove champion in 1937, is back in Minneapolis visiting his mother and friends. Johnny lost his left foot when he stepped on a mine in Southern France. Johnny also saw action on the Anzio beachhead and at Casino, Italy.

Frank Genovese, who appeared on the St. Paul card, was a welterweight a few years back and won the duke over Cleo McNeal in Minneapolis, is now a big light-heavyweight. He is boxing out of Englewood, N. J., and is managed by Bill Daly, manager of Lee Savold.

Cpl. Johnny Stone, St. Paul Golden Glove champion in 1941, is now in France. Johnny was a heavyweight and a good fighter.

Billy Light in the Army at Fort Snelling, is boxing instructor and has a good bunch of boxers who appear on all cards at the Fort.

Send in your news for this column to Billy Colbert, Hamm Bldg., St. Paul, before the first of the month. Subscribe to THE RING and send it to the boys in the service.

Jock Malone, middleweight from St. Paul, is working in Detroit.

The writer wants to hear from professional boxers who would like to appear on the cards in the Twin Cities. St. Paul and Minneapolis are staging shows regularly. Send in your records and picture and will be glad to hear from managers who are looking for work for their boxers.

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TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

RONNIE JAMES, 142, the British Lightweight Champion, making his first appearance in London since winning the title from Eric Boon, was matched over the eight round course, with Paratrooper Gwyn Williams, 141, of Wales, at Jack Cappell's Promotion, at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

Before many rounds had gone by, it was obvious to the large crowd present, that James was far superior to Williams, in every respect, and although Williams had caused James some trouble with his ever dangerous left, the champion had built up quite a lead.

Williams was cautioned in the early rounds for holding, and in the fifth session, James was admonished by the referee to keep his punches a little higher, when Williams dropped to the canvas, doubled up, from a hard left.

In the sixth round, both lads had started rather quietly, when James let a terrific left hand punch go, and from where this writer sat, it seemed to land in the pit of the stomach, and far from the prohibited area, but Referee Eugene Henderson had no hesitation whatever in stopping the contest, and disqualifying James for an alleged low blow.

This entirely unexpected decision completely silenced the big crowd, who were nonplussed, as was James, who stood in the center of the ring, for fully a minute without realizing quite what had happened. A storm of booing greeted the decision, when the crowd finally did find its voice, and practically as one man, roared its disapproval of the ending.

Ken Shaw, of Dundee, and former Heavyweight Amateur Champion of Scotland, scored a points victory over Al Delaney of Canada in 8 rounds of fast and hard hitting. Shaw, who is an aggressive boxer-fighter, tired Delaney with his attacking, and wore his man down, to win a thoroughly deserved award.

Dave Crowley, ex-British Lightweight Champion, reversed a previous decision when he outpointed Ben Duffy (Royal Navy) in 8 rounds, and over a similar distance, Lefty "Satan" Flynn, of Jamaica, gained a points win over Harry Hurst (Canada).

The 1,000 Dollar Heavyweight Competition, for those who had not previously boxed professionally, will be decided at the next Cappell Promotion, and the finalists are two Canadian lads, Keith Tait, an Air Gunner in the RCAF, and Tom Maher, who is serving in the Canadian Army.

They should have met the same evening, but Tait had received a rather nasty cut eye, in his previous bouts, and Maher had sportingly agreed to wait until the next promotion, although he could have claimed a walk over.

The results of the series, are as follows:

FIRST SERIES: Jim O'Connor, of Ireland, beat Len Cuffe, (RAF), who retired at the end of the first round.

Tom Maher (Canada), kayoed Albert Swain of Portsmouth in the first round.

Gwyn Williams, of Aberdare, kayoed Pat Corrigan, of Ireland, in the first round.

Keith Tait, (RCAF), defeated Ben Thomas, of Mansfield, contest being stopped in the second round.

SEMI-FINALS: Myer beat O'Connor, referee stopping fight in the first round. Tait beat Williams, referee stopping fight at the end of first round.

George Odwell, 147¾, London, was outpointed by Joe Orsatelli, 150, of the Fighting French, in 10 hard fought rounds, at the Stadium, Liverpool.

Eddie Silva, South Africa, won by a technical knockout in the first round, over Billy Hughes, of Birkenhead.

Bert Hornby, Bolton, won by a technical knockout in the fourth round, over Eddie Parsons, Barnsley.

George Dilkes, Barnsley, won on points over Alf Gioman, Liverpool, over six rounds.

Johnny Clark, Warrington, won on points over Mick Howard, Liverpool, in 6 rounds.

The Army vs. RAF, in their second annual match, were responsible for a show full of interest at the Royal Albert Hall, one which no fan could call disappointing in any shape or form, and after a bill which would have been a matchmaker's headache under ordinary circumstances, the Army won by six bouts to five.

British Lightweight Champion, Ronnie James, was at his best in defeating Johnny Russell, (RAF), in a fast welterweight contest.

LAC Mark Hart, ABA Heavyweight Champion, scored a sensational first round victory over C.S.M. Ernest Shackleton, ABA Cruiserweight Champion, in the heavyweight contest.

A.C. Ronnie Bissell, (RAF), ABA Bantamweight Champion, fought hard to defeat L/Cpl. L. Traynor, (Army), in the bantamweight contest.

Cpl. Alfred Danahar, (Army), was too experienced for A.C. Bernard, and won comfortably in the welterweight contest.

A.C. Jackie Rankin, was extremely lucky to receive the decision over L/Bdr. R. W. Adrian (better known to boxing fans as Kid Tanner), for it seemed that Adrian had done more than enough to merit the decision.

L/Cpl. C. Dennington, defeated Cpl. J. Smith, (Army), in another welterweight contest, while Sergt. Parker, (Army), stopped Flt./Sergt. W. Harris, (RAF), with a badly cut left eye.

Guardsman Paddy Roche, (Army), was outpointed by Syd Williams, (RAF), in a most disappointing contest.

Sergt. K. Palmer, (Army), beat A.C. S. Westbrook, (RAF), the bout being stopped in the second round, and Pvt. S. Davies, (Army), beat Cpl. A. Groves, (RAF), on points.

At the Tower Circus, Blackpool, Mickey Colbert, Galway, was disqualified in the fifth, of a scheduled eight-round contest, for an alleged low blow, against George Thomas, Llanfaran.

Cyril Maudalay, Preston, knocked out Joey Smith, Sunderland, in the fifth, of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Bob Bates of Sunderland, won on points over Eric Powell of Manchester, over 8 rounds.

Sgt. Jack Ryder, (RAF), won by a knockout in the first, of a scheduled eight-round contest, over Jim Fawcett, Manchester.

Jim Cameron of Manchester, won over Paddy Tyrrell, (RAF), when the latter's chief second skied the towel in the third, of a scheduled eight-round contest, to save Tyrrell from unnecessary punishment.

Dick Shields, 146, of Liverpool, won on points over Tommy Logie, 148, of Clydebank, after a fast and furious ten-round welterweight contest.

Mickey Colbert, 119½, of Galway, won by a technical kayo over Pat Palmer, 124, of London, in the sixth, of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Jimmy Saxton of Manchester, won by a kayo in the first round of a scheduled six-round heavyweight contest, over Rex Arnold of London.

Teddy Gallagher of Blackpool won on points over Paddy O'Toole of Liverpool over six rounds.

Paddy Dunn of Liverpool won on points over Paddy Tyrrell of RAF over six rounds.

Jordan Tarone of West Africa won on points over Tommy Laughlan of Newcastle, over ten rounds at Blackpool Tower Circus.

Bert Hornby of Bolton won by a technical kayo in the fourth round over Lionel Creber of Loughborough, the bout having been scheduled for eight rounds, while over the same distance Jock Bonas of Rotherham won on points over Terry McGowan of Ireland.

Sergt. Jackie Ryder, RAF, won by a knockout in the second round over Tommy Gibbons of Belfast.

Paddy Tyrrell, RAF, won in the third of a scheduled six-round contest over Johnny Cate of Fleetwood when the latter retired.

It is with sincere regret that I write of the passing over of one of the grand old-timers of British boxing, Mike Honeyman, twice winner of the British featherweight championship, who died at the early age of 48 after a long illness at the West Ham Sanatorium, Dagenham.

To those who remember the hey-day of 1920, Mike's name will not be forgotten, and to those who are keen followers of the sport in later years, his will be one of the glorious names of a glorious decade.

"May his dear soul rest in peace."

George Odwell of Camden Town outpointed Dick Shields of Liverpool in the main event over eight rounds at the Caledonian Road Baths.

Harry Grimes, Royal Navy, caused the referee to stop his scheduled eight-round contest with Ken Barrett, Royal Artillery, in the sixth round to save Barrett unnecessary punishment when he was well beaten.

Billy Taylor of London, making his first professional appearance, caused Bonar Ward of Hexton to retire in the third of a scheduled six-round bout.

Joe Curran, 110, official contender for world's flyweight title, knocked out Billy Hazelgrove, 112¾, of Brighton, in the eighth round of a scheduled ten-round contest at the Stadium, Liverpool.

George Dilks of Barnsley won on points over Jackie Hughes of St. Helens over 8 rounds.

Johnny Molloy of St. Helens won on points over Dennis Chadwick of Bridlington over eight rounds.

Lionel Creber of Loughborough won over Rugger North of Barnsley when the latter was disqualified in the third of a scheduled six-round contest for an alleged low blow.

Al Phillips of London, substituting for Canadian Danny Webb drew with Syd Worgan of Wales at Bristol over 10 rounds, the verdict being given a mixed reception.

Phillips had the better of the bout at the beginning, while Worgan came into his own at the latter end of the contest.

Harry Legge of Bournemouth outpointed Gwyn Davies of Wales over 8 rounds.

Stoker Harry Grimes, Royal Navy, defeated Doug Furey, RAF, referee stopping contest in sixth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Ron Cooper of Wales defeated George Darlow of London, who retired at the end of the ninth of a scheduled ten-round contest, and Sammy Reynolds of Wolverhampton knocked out Mickey Jones of Royal Navy in the third of a scheduled ten-round contest.

Ivor Thomas of Pontypridd seemed unlucky to be disqualified in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-round contest with Eric Dolby of Derby for an alleged low blow. Thomas had held a lead until the unfortunate end. The show took place at Pontypridd.

Tommy Reddington of Salford outpointed Robinson of Leeds over eight dreary rounds at the Queensberry Club, London.

Robinson at 212, had a weight advantage of pounds, but never at any time looked like causing Reddington any trouble.

The Salford lad was generally the better craftsman and caused Robinson to miss badly at times.

In the opening round Robinson sustained a cut over the left eyebrow, but this did not cause him any discomfort.

Both lads tried hard to land a telling punch, but their efforts were crude, and at the end the referee had no hesitation in giving his award to Reddington.

Norman Lewis, 116¼, Welsh flyweight and bantamweight champion, stopped Mickey Colbert, 116, of Ireland, in the third round of a scheduled eight-round contest.

The bout had been very one-sided, and the referee applied the closure when it was obvious that Colbert could not win.

Johnny Ward, 136½, Ireland, and Bobby Ramsey, 137½, Stepney, drew in eight rounds after a fast and energetic scrap which had the spectators on their toes yelling for more. A draw was the only possible decision.

Al Phillips of Aldgate substituting for Ben Duffy, Royal Navy, defeated Bert Jackson of Fleetwood in the second of a scheduled eight-round contest, when Jackson sustained a very badly cut eyebrow and was forced to retire.

Tommy Davies defeated Johnny Clements of Glasgow on points in ten rounds at Willenhall.

In the supporting bout, George Thomas of Merthyr outpointed Mickey Jones of Royal Navy in eight.

Jimmy Molloy, 147¾, the ever improving young welterweight from Liverpool, added another to his string of wins by outpointing Joe Orsatelli, 149, of France in ten fast rounds at the Stadium, Liverpool.

Bert Hyland, 161, RAF, outpointed Jock Taylor, 162, London, in eight rounds.

Jimmy Hurst of Blaydon won over Jack Cross of Army, when the latter was disqualified for an alleged low delivery in the fourth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Peter Fallen of Birkenhead won on points over Zak Spooner of Warrington in eight.

Joe Hill of St. Helens and Norman James of Liverpool fought a sizzling six-round curtain raiser to a draw.

One of Britain's finest middleweight boxers active during the thirties and rightly called "the champion who never won a title" by all who saw him in action, was Archie Sexton of Bethnal Green, and it is with interest that we note that he has just been awarded the George Medal which rates as the Civilian V.C., for rescuing two men and a woman trapped in an airraid shelter beneath Moorfields Eye Hospital in London.

Sexton is at present a War Reserve Constable and his act was all the more courageous for the shelter was becoming flooded and was filled with smoke and debris from blazing buildings above.

The Metropolitan Commissioner of Police sent a letter to Sexton said:

"Mr. Morrison, the Home Secretary, feels that your courageous action and devotion to duty are deserving of the highest of praise."

It is worth while remembering that this is not the first time that Sexton has been highly commended for saving life.

Once before while in training for an important contest at Shoeburyness he heard shouts and discovered that two children had fallen into the . . . . without hesitation he plunged in and brought them to safety.

The aftermath of the inquiry into the Dan Webb-Kid Tanner contest at the Queensberry Club, London, when referee Teddy Waltham disqualified both lads for not trying, is that the B.B.B.C. have decided to suspend both Tanner and Webb for two months, besides confiscating their purses.

The confiscated purses will go to the Boxers Benevolent Fund. Both lads have lodged notice of appeal.

One of the biggest surprises of the boxing year just ended, was the knockout of Jackie Paterson, world's flyweight champion, by Petty Officer Ben Duffy of the Royal Navy in the seventh of a scheduled ten-round contest at Glasgow.

Paterson had seemed well on the way to victory when the unexpected happened.

Duffy brought over a right hand punch perfectly delivered to the Scot's chin and Paterson staggered back onto the ropes, slithered to the floor and seemed out.

He made a gallant attempt to rise at eight, but was unable to do so, and took the full count.

Paterson weighed 123¾, to Duffy's 126 pounds 10 ounces.

Al Phillips of London scored yet another victory, his fifth, over Tommy McGlinchey of Clydebank in eight rounds this time.

At no time was the outcome in doubt.

Johnny McManus, Scottish lightweight champion, defeated Johnny Russell of London, referee stopping the contest in the third of a scheduled ten-round contest when Russell had sustained a badly cut eye.

Sammy Reynolds of Wolverhampton defeated Hugh Cameron, Scottish flyweight champion, in the fourth round, when Cameron had taken some punishment and his chief second skied the towel as a token of defeat.

RAINBOW CORNER BOXING
By PFC. MARK FANNON

PFC. HERBIE WILLIAMS, 139, two-fisted puncher of New Orleans, received the unpopular nod over Cpl. Trinidad Marquez, 142, Troop Carrier, of El Paso, Tex., in a hard-fought match at Rainbow Corner.

Fast-stepping and jabbing Marquez against aggressive two-fisted Herbie—a boxer-fighter combination. Full of action, the first round went at top speed, with Herbie chasing the elusive "Pancho." In the second it looked better for Herbie. A hard left to the jaw sent Marquez reeling in the ropes, but Marquez recovered quickly, made Herbie miss his finishing blows. Herbie was hitting with terrific force but seldom landed squarely. Marquez was tricky and smart, blocking a lot of blows on his gloves. In the last frame, Herbie tried for a knockout, weaving and bobbing and swinging both hands, but Marquez retreated fast, jabbing all the time. He was boxing beautifully and seemed to have the edge in this hard battle.

Cpl. George Yentzen, 151, Nederland, Texas, of the Eighth Air Force, came through with a close win over Cpl. Helman Dudeck, 147, General Hospital, after a hard fight.

Yentzen was the better boxer but Dudeck, a lad who has received the Purple Heart, almost put Yentzen away a couple of times.

Cpl. Delman Smith, 135, General Hospital, elongated Tulsa, Okla., lad, holder of the Purple Heart, punched out a decision over Pvt. Johnny Curtiss, 132, of Chicago, Ill., Smith's reach and height were too much for Curtiss who was far over his normal weight. Even when Curtiss swung them from the floor, he could not tag the tall, thin kid.

Sgt. Bill Tiger, another holder of the Purple Heart, weight 146, of the General Hospital, won over Pvt. Frank Scrofani, Eighth Air Force, 141, So. Norwalk, Conn., when Scrofani could not come out for the third.

Pvt. Pete Mead, 161, 9th AF, Truman, Ark., a good looking middleweight, halted Cpl. Frank Campbell, 163, Eighth Air Force, Tulsa, Okla., in the second. Mead was too good and Frank Marcella, the referee, halted the contest at 1:10 of the second.

T/5 Paul Williamson, 177, New York City, of the QM Mobile Service Aviation, was just mobile enough to beat Pvt. Sam Shields of California, Ninth AF, 177. Williamson, a tall Negro boy, forced the issue and though Shields threatened, he wasn't in good enough condition to follow through.

Boxing like a champion, Cpl. Bobby Volk, 160½, Portland, Oregon, 8th AF, halted Pvt. Frank Pintaro, 161, Milwaukee, Wis., Signal Corps, in the second frame.

Pintaro had come to Rainbow Corner highly rated, having, it was said, won 33 out of 34 fights in the army. There was no doubt he was a formidable foe but with Volk he wasn't in it. A well-placed right to the jaw dropped Pintaro and though he managed to arise at 9, was wisely stopped from fighting by Cpl. Frank Marcella, the referee. He might have been hurt seriously if allowed to continue in his condition against the murderous hitting Volk, 155 pound USSTAF champion.

Volk, at his best, danced around Pintaro in the first, keeping himself in position and shooting hard straight lefts to the face. Bobby kept on top of his man continually, ready to shoot with either hand.

In the second, he began to do the damage. He sat Pintaro down with a left to the jaw. Then sensing the kill, Bobby crowded Pintaro and shot terrific lefts and rights to the jaw. The last one, a beautiful straight right to the jaw clinched the win.

Pvt. Vince Padilla, 128, 8th AF, San Bernardino, Cal., is getting close to that bathrobe you receive by winning five straight at this club, in beating Pvt. Cliff Wagner, 128, Milwaukee, Wis., Signal Corps, in his third win.

This was a return bout between the pair and the bout was a repetition of the first. Padilla was boxing better due to his keeping busy of late. He weaved and bobbed away from most of Wagner's blows and hit straighter than before. If Padilla would hit a little straighter yet and pick his shots, he'd be as tough as any feather over here.

Pfc. Harry Conroy, 150, 8th AF, Cleveland, Ohio, won over Lee Walker, Seaman 2nd class, from Baltimore, in three. Walker, a Negro boy, was beautifully built and not a bad boxer. Conroy, the shorter, hurt Walker in the first and second frames. Walker made a good comeback in the third, hitting the tired Conroy some damaging blows, but his rally was too late to clinch the decision.

Pvt. Bliss Croft, 186, Newark, N. J., ruined Pvt. John Pearson, 190, Los Angeles, Cal., General Hospital, with a sledge hammer right to the jaw in the second. The right whistled past from nowhere and caught Pearson coming in. Pearson's legs shot from under him, and he fell face first on the canvas. The Negro's body seemed to bounce once or twice on the canvas.

Glassy-eyed and dazed, Pearson did not budge until the count of eight, then with a slight upward movement of his head he looked to his corner, waved his glove past his face in his best "hi-ya bud" style, indicating the war was over as far as he was concerned. Croft is crude but a terrific hitter—a welcome addition to the heavies.

Cpl. Frank Paskowski, 150, Baltimore, Md., paratrooper, won the decision over another paratrooper, T/5 Dan Morris, Columbus, Ohio, in a 30 minute match.

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CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
By DANNY MYERS

I WISH to start with wishing our readers a Happy New Year.

Wellington G. Jones, former Sports Editor of the Harrisburg *Telegraph*, a widely known figure in the realms of sports, died at the Elks Home, Harrisburg, Penna., as a result of suffocation, on Sunday, December 17. Fire broke out in the home and spread so rapidly that it was impossible to get all the roomers out of the home before they were overcome by smoke. Welly Jones was the last one taken from the second floor, and upon arrival at the Harrisburg Hospital, he was pronounced dead. Sports lost an adviser, a friend of youth, a man who was interested in the boxing game and served as Deputy Pennsylvania Boxing Commissioner in the Middle Pennsylvania District under Commissioner George J. Jones, Jr. (no relation), for a number of years. The deceased held the post until his death. "Welly" Jones was 77 years old.

The Wyoming Valley town of Wilkes-Barre, Penna., is experiencing a little trouble in the promotion of professional boxing, but hopes to have a good year. Wilkes-Barre can and does support other sports and it has been proven that the fans want boxing so, Sheriff and Mr. Attorney, go to it in 1945, keep the old game alive in the Wyoming Valley.

Scranton is operating bouts but Messrs. Cohen and Latzo fail to send their reports to the writer. Allentown is out for a while. Claude Zotter explaining that too many substitutes are brought in by managers. Harry Weil of Reading is operating. He, too, fails to send in his reports. Pittsburgh is operating two clubs. In Philadelphia Herman Taylor, Joe Wenk and Jimmy Toppi are operating.

Frankie Conn, 138-pounder, is now under the wing of the writer and is ready to meet anyone in the lightweight brackets. Conn will be remembered as the fighter who beat numerous opponents in the Garden, and especially the K.O. in three of Crocetti. Conn has met such boys as Tommy Roman, Abe Kauffman, Bobby Ruffin and others. The writer also has an interest in five Pittsburgh Battlers who are going good guns in Art "Harry" Hardy, 159; Ben Franklin, 147; Tommy Daniels, 138; Jesse James, 139 and Joe Jackson, 150. Promoters and matchmakers can have these boys by contacting the writer.

Boxers, if you are without managerial ties and you can fight or wish to make your profession Boxing, then contact the writer at 3304 Spring Street, Harrisburg, Penna.

CAPTAIN SPRINGER DEVELOPS SPORTS PROGRAM IN FRANCE

WITH THE U.S. SUPPLY FORCES IN FRANCE . . . Captain Jack H. Springer, Sistersville, West Virginia, credited with the development of the famed Camp Lee, Va., Golden Gloves boxing tournaments, is now in France and has been appointed athletic officer for the Oise Base Section.

Following the pattern developed at Camp Lee, Capt. Springer has started a series of weekly, Friday night boxing shows which will star the best boxing talent in the base section, commanded by Brig. Gen. Charles O. Thrasher.

He also plans to start a wrestling tournament on the lines of the Diamond Belt tournament held at Camp Lee.

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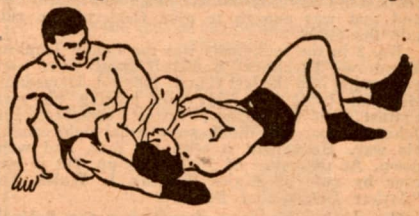

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PERSIAN GULF TITLE MEET PRODUCES KEEN CONTESTS

By T/5 DICK ZEHMS

PERSIAN GULF DISTRICT—If it's boxing champions you're seeking, do your business with the Gulf District, or, more specifically, with Khorramshahr. This station rules PGC ringdom, since eight 1944 command titleholders, who came to power in the second great glove classic held in the "Punch Bowl," call this Persian port their overseas home.

It was all Khorramshahr—at the quarter, half, three-quarters and at the wire. The Mountain District salvaged one title, while the Desert District wasn't even around to put in a bid. Three 1943 champs advanced to heavier classes and came through, but there wasn't a single defending boss to retain his diadem.

The 1944 champions: "Pappy" Jackson, Khorramshahr, 112; Rene Valiquet, Atterbury, 120; Maxie Schindler, Khorramshahr, 127; Mike Bocanegra, Khorramshahr, 135; Woodrow "The Rock" Campbell, Khorramshahr, 145; Marshall Nance, Khorramshahr, 155; Anthony "Smokey" Williams, Khorramshahr, 165; Harold Augusta, Khorramshahr, 175, and Jim Grant, Khorramshahr, heavyweight.

Headline development of the semi-final eliminations took place in the 155-pound class and involved Geldernick, 175 pound champ of 1943, and George Stangelo, Mountain District contender. Experts in close range tactics, these two mauled each other for three rounds with Stangelo manufacturing himself a fancy edge.

And when the decision went to Geldernick on a split verdict, the calm of the Persian night was blasted by a chorus of disapproving jeers lasting more than three minutes. Thus was controversy born, and to this minute it is not settled. The decision stands, but the majority of fans, including the writer, had Stangelo on top by a wide margin. Stangelo's superiority, however, apparently was obvious to everybody but one judge and the referee, and that was enough to give Geldernick a ride into the finals.

No. 2 in the semi-finals was the Lenny Johnson-Woodrow "The Rock" Campbell brawl. They were even going into the last round. Johnson, Hamadan's clean-cut pride and joy, was holding his own against PGC's quickest, fastest scrapper. But Johnson apparently didn't see a lethal right coming his way. He caught it with his face, and went down. At the count of 10 he was up, but it was over by rule of Major Thomas J. Walsh, the "Arthur Donovan of PGC."

The blue chips were down when the Sabbath eve arrived. "Pappy" Jackson, unopposed, didn't have to work for his wrist watch. He was crowned 112 pound monarch unopposed.

Rene Valiquet, Camp Attebury, gave the Mountain District its only winner when he decisioned Meyer Levenson, Khorramshahr, in a tame 120 pound scrap.

Maxie Schindler outclassed Leon Halloway, Mountain hope, in the 127 final, and won the plaudits of the "sellout" throng for his mastery.

Pals outside the ropes, Mike Bocanegra and Jerry Cota then mixed for the 135 diadem, and gave the cash customers the best fight of the night. They wasted no time, and went after each other with vigor and vehemence. Bocanegra was the popular winner.

Marshall Nance outfoxed Geldernick, at least to the satisfaction of the judges, in the 155 finals, and "Smokey" Williams was too smart and too sharp for Hooper at 165. Harold Augusta carved out a decision over Dave Smith, and Jim Grant did likewise with Herman Ledbetter.

All in all, the pugilistic show was a colossal success, thanks to the work of 1st Lt. Louis L. Babin, T/4 Al LaCombe, whose boys ran off with the lion's share of the laurels; Larry Fagan, Al Marino, Joe Marino, "Pop" Compagna, Jack Einhorn, Eddie Espinera, 1st Lt. Paul B. Devlin, Maj. Walsh, Capt. Biddle, Maj. Gordon W. Jones, Lt. John Williams, Lt. Nathan Cohen, Lt. Col. John F. Younger and Capt. Leon Newman. Special Services was the sponsor. The promotional genius of T/4 LaCombe was evident from opening gong until the "Punch Bowl" went dark.

A split decision with Maj. Walsh, the referee, casting the deciding vote gave Marshal Nance, Khorramshahr, the 155-pound title over Hal Geldernick. The latter was the aggressor all the way, trying in vain for a knockout. Only blows struck by Nance came in counter-punching.

Anthony "Smokey" Williams decisioned William Hooper, Bandar Gulf, in the 165 pound class. Williams, Khorramshahr's 155 pound king last year, was cute, and had Hooper in trouble in the third. The champ fights with his head as well as with his fists.

Harold Augusta took home the bacon in the 175 pound class, catching the judges' nod over Dave Smith, a Khorramshahr teammate. They were closely matched, but Augusta had the edge in long-range tactics.

Jim Grant, Khorramshahr, despite a cut eye, decisioned Herman Ledbetter, Bandar Gulf, for the heavyweight award. Most of the damage was done in in-fighting, although Grant's left was effective.

Maj. Gen. Donald H. Connolly, commanding PGC, congratulated the champs, and presented the watches.

COAST GUARD STAGES FIGHTS UNDER THE LIGHTS

By DICK L. BERNSTEIN

THE U.S. Coast Guard station in California in the Twelfth Naval District, has taken an old adage and put some reverse English on it as far as boxing in its "Backyard Bowl" in San Francisco is concerned. Instead of "Something new under the sun," it's now "Something new under the lights" with boxing shows to be presented under the stars and arc lights from now on after the success of the first moonlit venture.

On hand for the premiere of 12th Naval District Coast Guard boxing under the lights were quite a few glittering fistic celebrities. In an exhibition bout, Victor Grupico, ranking lightweight, and Tony Olivera, contender for the world's featherweight title, put on display three rounds of clever ringmanship that drew an ovation from the overflow crowd that packed the Bowl. Also on the scene as a referee, was Soldier Al Barbour, a solidly built young man with a reputation for knowing how to use his dukes. Barbour holds an Alaskan mitt title. Another GI boxing ace, middleweight Al Farber, put in an appearance and did a stint of seconding in the corners for the boys.

Matchmaker Pat Englehart introduced two new C.G. sluggers with the unveiling of the new fistic policy of night fights. One was broad-shouldered Salvatore Chavez, 147 pounder, who showed a lot of class losing a close one to the Navy's John Bell. The bout was a close one throughout but Bell's infighting seemed to catch Referee "Spider" Roach's eye and got him the nod.

The second was Floyd Saunders, 135 pound mittster, who has been having quite a bit of trouble with his arm coming out of the socket. However, the former Golden Glover has shown unusual form and a lot of punching power despite the occasional streaks of bad luck with his arm. A switch hitter, Floyd Saunders, packs dynamite in either glove and has proved to ringsiders that he can both give and take.

A recent Englehart find is middleweight Randy Simon, an ex-New York Golden Glover, who judging from his workouts, is definitely a hot prospect. Both Simon and Saunders have just returned from the South Pacific where they participated in four major engagements.

In the light-heavyweight ranks, 170 pound Lawrence Robertson looms as a nemesis for other service swatters. Rugged Larry is a former Golden Gloves middleweight from Missouri. He won the title two years in a row. Still another Golden Glover is 126 pound Billy Pittman, Jacksonville, Fla., Golden Gloves champ.

Billy Shaw is Englehart's protege in the heavyweight division. A slashing giant from the Bronx, Shaw tips the scales at 210 pounds and is fairly fast on his feet.

Besides this array of new talent, the Backyard Bowl will feature popular Sammy Nagel, who has been hailed as the deadliest left hook artist in local service boxing. Jimmy Rittenberry and George "Blondie" Vaughn are two crowd pleasing 126 pounders, while Les McMullen and Emil Dolner can always be called on for a thrill-packed light-heavyweight battle.

As guest stars, Pat Englehart has an imposing galaxy of great leatherpushers.

And so if the Coast Guard fight picture was bright before at San Francisco's Coast Guard Barracks, it is going to be even brighter now with the aid of powerful arc-lights and equally powerful Coast Guard boxers.

AT CAMP CROWDER, MO.

BOXING every Friday night at Service Club No. 1 is what keeps up morale at this Signal Corps post. Larger gatherings turn out for the shows and a good time is had by all. It has done a lot to bolster the spirit of the boys here. Boxing has always been a good morale-builder.

Camp Crowder Field House:— Celebrating the three year birthday of Camp Crowder with boxing and dancing before a capacity crowd, Pvt. Jesse Porter won the ASFTC amateur lightweight championship with a three-round T.K.O. over Pvt. Harry Fleming. Pvt. Johnny Shiffler won the B&SC novice middleweight championship with a decision over Pvt. Bill Lawrence. Shiffler won all the way with clever boxing. Pvt. Johnny Mator and Pvt. William Toole gave the crowd a bit of fancy footwork in their exhibition that brought a roar from the crowd.

In a three round championship bout for the middleweight title, red-haired Pvt. Ed Monroe decisively defeated Pvt. Dickson Stillwell, winning two of the three rounds by wide margins. The referee was Pvt. Ralph C. Allen; timekeeper, M/Sgt. Edward Worthen, and judges, Cpl. Buddy Gomer, Pfc. Charles Dipiazza, and Pvt. Eugene Rutland.

SHADOW BOXING . . . Sgt. Lefty Underwood, hard-hitting southpaw light-heavy from Texas with a good pro record, is working in the Regional Hospital Gym here. . . . Cpl. Buddy Gomer, the midwestern middleweight who has been boxing out California way the past year a half, and who was recently stationed here a short time, has been shipped out to a school in the heart of downtown Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Pvt. Vincent Will, the Judo expert from Iowa is stationed at Camp Crowder. He was instructor in Judo at Camp Kohler, Calif. . . . Pfc. Breon, former amateur heavyweight boxer from Albion, Nebr., has shipped out for Philly, too, to attend a radio school there. . . . Ed is a pretty rough-tough boy.

BOXING IN PANAMA

By ROBERTO A. TORRES

ANTONIO FERNANDEZ, 146, of Chile, turned to Panama after an absence of years and won an impressive ten-round over Hankin Barrows, 148, of British Honduras at the Club Tropical. Fernandez, who is a favorite with the Panamanian Fans, was forced to fight for every inch. Barrows appeared stronger than the Chilean champ at the end and received a big hand from the crowd.

Simon "Monchi" Vergara, 120, of Panama knocked out Gerardo Bedford, 117, in the first round of an eight rounder. Vergara who hails from the largest Orphan home in the Republic is the fight sensation in fight circles.

Al Tejada, 121, of Panama, had an easy time whipping Slim Terror, 126, of Belize, British Honduras. During the fight the Boxing Commissioners ordered the referee, Santiago Zorrilla, to stop the bout and nearly caused a riot. He let it go on, however. Slim Terror was examined afterwards in his dressing room and it was found that he had a fractured jaw.

John Pino, 121, of Chiriqui, after a few months layoff in Costa Rica, returned to the fistic wars with an easy ten-round decision over Baby Uribe, 119, of Colombia. Pino, who appears slow and off at times, is being groomed to fight Simon Vergara.

Young Finnigan, 137, got sweet revenge on Kid Bururu, 136, of Havana, Cuba, at the Olympic Stadium, when Finnigan who had lost previously to the Cuban Champ, changed his style of boxing and slugged the Cubiche all over the ring, to gained the unanimous verdict.

Simon Lucas, 135, of Honduras, knocked out Kid Fortune, 131, of Colon in the last round of their six rounder. Fortune put up a good fight and was on even terms until Lucas caught him with him.

Cesar Leal, 110, of Panama, decisioned Chocolate II, in six heats.

Colombia Kid, 135, decisioned Baby Hunt in six heats. The decision was booed.

On December 3 at the Panama National Gymnasium, Simon Vergara, 120, of Panama, equaled a 20 years old record set by the Panamanian Joe Lombardo in this city, when he knocked out Jose Bill, 116, of Colombia in the seventh round of a ten-rounder. Thus Lombardo had a record of seven straight knockouts, something never equaled since 1924. Panama's latest sensation, Monchi Vergara, did the trick in fine style. Fighting against Bill, who had some eighty fights to his credit, Vergara was down on the canvas in the second round for a nine count, the result of a terrific right to the jaw. He was down again in the fifth for a seventh count.

In the sixth, Vergara crowded Bill and pummeled him with rights and lefts, knocking him down twice. When the bell rang for the seventh Bill decided he was through for the night, It was the first time he had been knocked out in five years of fighting.

Simon Lucas, 134, knocked out Ivan Colon in the last round of a six-rounder. Young Ransom, 112½, decisioned San Blas Second, in 4 rounds. Kid Patrol, 102, whipped Kid Ensor, 108, in four rounds.

Kid Bururu, 135, lightweight champion of Cuba, earned a split decision over Young Calcagno, 134, of Panama in ten rounds. Calcagno started fast and fought his more experienced opponent on a standstill for the first six rounds but tired from there on, the Cuban landed the clean punches to earn the verdict. Kid Fortune, 120, of Colon, decisioned Baby Hunt, 130, of Panama in six rounds.

At the Panama Olympic Stadium, Hankin Barrows, 146, of Belize, British Honduras, had an easy time defeating Young Finnigan, 140, prospective lightweight champion of Panama over the five round route for the Welterweight Championship of Panama. Finnigan, who was making his first appearance against a full-fledged welter, did not look so good. He won three rounds. Two were even and Barrows took ten. Barrows is now recognized as the welterweight champion of Panama.

Temi Olaciregui, 137, of Panama, won a six round decision over Simon Lucas, 135, of British Honduras. Jose Andrade drew in four heats with Slugger White of Panama. Rene Sanchez decisioned Baby Luis in four rounds. Juan Jr. decisioned Papito Despaigne in four heats.

EIGHTH AIR FORCE STAGES BIG SHOW; MEDICS IN ACTION

By PFC. MARK FANNON

THANKSGIVING day was one to celebrate in the E.T.O. Football fans were out in the afternoon for a glimpse of American sports rivalry. In the evening, boxing fans anxiously awaited entrance into the Corn Exchange for the type of glove throwing they had become accustomed to. A little over a year ago the appearance of boxers, be they American or British, would have aroused little excitement in the unemotional British. They now holler like mad when the boys put on the pressure.

Preceding the boxers into town will be Sgt. Joe Molinari, a conspicuous character, who looks like Charlie Chaplin but who "hasn't got his habits." After a few hours, he will have made the rounds of the "pubs" and the Red Cross club. Many of them will be promised ringside seats—and get them too.

Over 3000 G.I.'s and friends packed the hall when the bouts got under way. Of the 10 bouts planned, five took place. Complications had again set in. These five were beauties, however.

Cpl. Ruby Newell, 8th A.F. of Long Beach, Cal., recently crowned Queen of all the WAC's in the UK, presented the prizes.

Pvt. Clement Marrone, 135, Cleveland, Ohio, 8th AF, overcame Cpl. Sal Guajardo, 132, Detroit, Mich., 8th AF, in a 3-rounder. Marrone is down lighter than ever before and as a result is fighting better.

Cpl. Tommy Carbonero, 161, 8th AF, Brooklyn, N.Y., beat Pfc. Henry Miller, 8th AF light-heavyweight champ, 167, Philadelphia, in 3. Miller has been beaten quite often of late but is clever defensively and makes them close and interesting battles.

Pfc. Harry Conroy, 148, 8th AF, Cleveland, Ohio, put away Cpl. Al Lindsay, 145, 8th AF, San Antonio, Texas, in 1:20 of the second. Lindsay had won 3 previous bouts at this club and though not a world beater, is a tough foe. Conroy has been taking his fighting seriously and this is indeed an upset in 8th AF fight circles.

Pfc. George Yentzen, 150, 8th AF, Nederland, Texas, upset the applecart in whipping the best welter around in the person of Sgt. Al Deakin, 8th AF, 147, Providence, R. I. Yentzen, possessing the best left hand seen in a long time, is a threat to all the welters by this victory. Deakin had closed last season by whipping Tony Tenore, Joe Lucignano and Johnny Ruth—the best in the field.

Pvt. Johnny Curtiss, 126, Chicago, Ill., 8th AF, free-swinging puncher, won over Pfc. Frenchie Lacroix, 128, St. Johnsbury, Vt., 8th AF.

The new procedure of taking the fighter's temperature and high blood pressure has been giving the Rainbow Corner shows an awful blow. Naturally, the boxer's temperature is bound to go up before he steps into the ring—especially if he is a novice. Perhaps in no sport is a man under such nervous strain before starting competition. Why this procedure has suddenly become necessary, no one seems to know.

Of the 10 bouts scheduled, the medics cut it down to 5. Pfc. Dick Shinn and Pvt. Emanuel Cisneros, 8th AF, two boxers who were robbed of opponents, boxed an exhibition. They are slated to appear next week against yet to be named foes.

Pvt. Vince Padilla, 126, 8th AF, San Bernardino, Cal., used his customary slam-bang attack to wear down Pvt. Cliff Wagner, 129, Milwaukee, Wis., in three. Wagner put up a game show but Vince's hitting power and strength told before very long. Vince swings them from the canvas.

Pvt. Bernard Patrinick, 129, General Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., won his second bout at this Corner by beating Pvt. Separanio Martinez, 134, 8th AF, Tracy, Cal. Blond Patrinick was the aggressor but ran into a mess of arms. Martinez was hard to hit. The Brooklyn lad kept him busy and put over some solid smashes now and then.

Pvt. John Jarosik, 180, Paratroops, Meadowlands, Pa., gave fans another display of his dynamite in both hands when he halted T/5 Walter Meyer, 175, San Jose, Cal., General Hospital, in 1:30 of the first. Once Jarosik has his foe in trouble he is a killer. He never lets up with his accurate and terrific hitting.

Pvt. Robert Charvot, 210, Cleveland, Ohio, General Hospital, beat Sgt. Walter Montgomery, Negro, 198, Detroit, Mich., Q.M., in three.

A lot had been heard about Montgomery, and when he squared off, he looked like a classy boy. His left was fast and accurate. But when he fell short with a few lefts, fell into a clinch when crowded. He didn't want to swap with the giant Charvot.

Towards the close of the second, Montgomery suddenly came to life with a flurry of blows. Charvot went down—hurt. Then the bell sounded before a count.

It seemed now that Montgomery would try to force the issue in an effort to score a kayo, but Charvot was the one forcing and Montgomery holding.

A kid by the name of T/5 Charles Spradling, 139, Franklin, Ind., a spectator at the show, offered to sub against Pvt. Bob Jackaway, 8th AF, 140, Chicago, Ill., and then proceeded to give Jackaway a boxing lesson.

Jabbing well and beating southpaw Jackaway to the punch with well-placed rights to the jaw, Spradling, though green, is a fine prospect. Jackaway is a good boy and in fine shape, but ran repeatedly into the same blows.

By scoring two thrilling kayoes at Rainbow Corner, Pvt. John Jarosik, Meadowlands, Pa., heavyweight, has made himself the most popular fighter thus far in the season. Jarosik is a crowd pleaser. He doesn't waste much time on fancy boxing but crowds in waiting for a false move. When that slip does come, John is on top of his man like a tiger. He takes advantage of his openings or the condition of his opponent, quicker than any heavy we have seen here.

However tough the fight game is, John has had it tougher. On D-Day he landed somewhere in Normandy with other paratroopers. His ability to speak Polish helped him considerably, as he captured a few Poles, members of Hitler's army. It was while guarding some of these prisoners that a burst of gunfire killed a soldier next to him, but he was fortunate enough to receive only a shoulder wound, for which he was given the Purple Heart.

Jarosik has had a love for athletics from a long time back. He was a three letter man in High School, and was Captain of the basketball team in 1933. While in the CCC's he had 4 fights.

He went to Villanova for two years, and boxed on the varsity for that period. Was the 118 pound Interscholastic wrestling champion.

As for his boxing experience, he's had 70 fights. Won the Diamond Belt championship of Pittsburgh (heavyweight) in 1940; CYO champion in Detroit in 1938 (175 pounds); lost the Detroit Golden Glove and Diamond Belt championships to the finalists.

When war broke out Jarosik tried to join the cadets. He didn't make it and was drafted into the army and chose the paratroops. It's three years since he joined the paratroops and he has been a demolition and "bazooka" man.

Jarosik, who is a good friend of Sammy Angott, spent 18 months in the coal mines in Meuse, Pa., before entering the army.

Jesse Puente spotlighted himself right into the lightweight picture by beating Herbie Williams, New Orleans, in the best fight seen at Rainbow Corner. Williams came very near being put away in the third after being hurt by Puente's body blows and choppy right uppercuts. These two had met once before in the finals of the USSTAF lightweight championships. Williams received the nod after three torrid rounds. The decision, however, was not a popular one, and many felt Puente's effective body punching did not get the credit it deserved. There is no doubt but what these two crowd pleasers are the best in the ETO.

Puente, Azusa, Cal., 8th Air Force lightweight champ, started a little slow, took several snappy jabs and long swings. Williams was hitting with terrific force. Puente woke up after being slammed a few and went in with his customary crowding and shot for the body. At the end of the round there was little to choose between the pair.

In the second, both went to it at top speed. Williams went at Puente with a vengeance, swinging those left and right hands with terrific power. Neither one fell into a clinch throughout. Whenever they were in close, they'd either stay in and punch or punch their way out—Williams in particular who likes the battling at long range. Puente was blocking a lot of dangerous blows in the second.

The third round came up. This was the one that counted. Puente got right to work and in a vicious exchange, dropped Williams. Herbie was hurt and wobbly but game when he arose at nine, only to be met by a two-fisted punching fool with murder in his eye. For at least 30 seconds Jesse hit Williams with everything he had to the body and head. Williams never attempted to clinch and instead of getting weaker he got stronger. In fact, Jesse got tired from his all out effort, and at times leaned on the Negro lad. Sensing this condition, Williams gathered up his remaining strength and came back in the last seconds of the third to really plant some beauts on Puente who, though tired, was the stronger. It certainly was a game exhibition and a great comeback by Williams.

Cpl. Allen Reade, 150, 8th AF, Seattle, Wash., a short, stocky Negro boy, gave the wise boys a surprise by taking Sgt. Al Deakin, 148, 8th AF, Providence, R. I., over the 3 round route.

Deakin had lost the week before but that was taken as one of those things. His match with Reado was to be a warmup for bigger things. Reado had other plans. Reado was the aggressor throughout, while Deakin kept busy dancing around and throwing them at long range. Deakin's right which had caused all the headaches last season, just bounced off Reado's "cruller," while the Seattle boy's punches did damage.

After two even rounds in which Reado always looked the stronger, he finally got close enough to Deakin to start slugging. He dropped Deakin twice. The second time Deakin rolled over 3 times, got up and gamely weathered the round.

Cpl. Trinidad Marquez, 141 (Troop Carrier), El Paso, Texas, whipped Cpl. George Yentzen, 144, AF, Nederland, Texas. Yentzen, who looked so good against Deakin, did not impress against Marquez. Yentzen shot that nice left as usual but Trinidad blocked it, danced around it, or made Yentzen over reach with it. Marquez had a habit of making Yentzen over reach with his left stab, get him off balance, then quickly counter with a left hook to the face. Marquez is fast and tricky with his left. He never stops punching with it.

Leave it to the army to come up with something new. In the latest complication, Pve. Wm. Torrence, 165, Iowa City, Iowa, and Pvt. Joe Relich, 165, Chicago, battled one round to a no-decision.

Torrence was way ahead and towards the end of the round, Relich cut his eye. This unfortunate accident, happening in the first round, according to Inter-collegiate rules, makes the contest no-decision, thus robbing Torrence of a one round kayo.

Actually, these army rules are not a set type of rules. There is a little Inter-collegiate, International, amateur and pro rules mixed in. It was too bad to deprive Torrence of a win in this case.

With a right to the body that started from the third row, Cpl. Al Lindsey, 142, 8th AF, San Antonio, Texas, flattened Pvt. Joe Tessaro, 142, Philadelphia, in 1:10 of the first.

Cpl. Ben Starnes, 145, Monroe, N. C., came from behind to give Sgt. Roy Sweatt, 150, Newport, Ark. (9th AF), a pasting in three rounds. Sweatt started good but Starnes soon solved his style and hit Roy at will.

John Hudson, 130, London, won over John L. Sullivan, 130, London. These two English kids put up a nice scrap. Hudson is in the English navy and is quite a clever boxer. Asked how he learned to box so well, he said he had trained with Jackie Paterson and Peter Kane.

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JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By BUS BURKE

THE Veterans of Foreign Wars Professional boxing card at Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis, suffered tough breaks. Bad break number one was when, on the eve of the leather throwing contests, the three St. Louis newspapers went out on a strike and no sport sheets were making an appearance for the much-needed publicity, and jinx number two was the weather, with a cold drizzling rain which continued right up to time for the curtain raiser. But even with these handicaps, 1356 paying customers deposited $1723.55 to witness the well-arranged card by Matchmaker George Wilsman. There were six bouts fought over the six-round route.

Charley Dodson, the sensational St. Louis Negro middleweight, stiffened R. J. Lewis, a Negro middleweight hailing from Denver, Colorado, in the third heat with a terrific right hand to the head. Jimmy Parker refereed.

Semi-windup — Savey Canadeo, welterweight from Green Bay, Wisconsin, got the nod over Gene Gudgill, the Dayton, Ohio, Negro welterweight. The Canadeo-Gudgill affair was very tame. Jimmy Parker was the referee.

"Deacon" Nathan Logan, flashy St. Louis Negro middleweight, who is a stablemate of Charley Dodson, showed some of his old time hustling and plenty of good form when he disposed of Vince Gambill of Oklahoma City in the first round with a terrific right to the mid-section. Paul Spica was the referee.

Hank Postaway, Scott Field, Ill., heavyweight, got off to a slow start but from the third round on, had things his way when he hammered out a decision over Jack Talmers, St. Louis Negro heavyweight, now working in a war plant near Dayton, Ohio. Paul Spica referee.

Roy Cox, a New Orleans lightweight, punched out a decision over Jack Metz, who just recently moved into St. Louis. Dick Young was the referee.

In the six-round opener, Jimmy (Red) Gannon from Scott Field, Ill., outpointed Oliver Johnson of St. Louis in a featherweight duel. Dick Young was the referee and Gene Farrell and Al Graf were the judges.

Charlie Gevecker, chairman of the Ozark A.A.U. Boxing Committee, journeyed to Atlantic City for the National A.A.U. Annual Meeting.

The Keys Club of Kirkwood, Mo., sponsored its first inter-city Amateur Boxing card at Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis and was enthusiastically greeted by the 1112 paying customers. The visiting team of amateur pugilists who came from Oklahoma City, Okla., walked away with the match, winning five bouts to St. Louis's three. There were three K.O.'s on the card with five going the distance of the three rounds in the inter-city bouts and an all St. Louis prelim card ended with one contestant being on queer street in the last round.

Three punch emporiums on the east side of St. Louis are readying their teams for the greater St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions. Shorty Hinson has his potential champs working out five nights a week at the East Side A.C. in East St. Louis. In the 1944 Tournament, Bob Edwards, a protege of Hinson, won the 135-pound novice championship. Scotty Powell is back in the coaching picture with his amateur pugilistic sluggers. Scotty is boxing coach at the Granite City, Ill., Y.M.C.A. where he trained Ed Posage one-time Golden Glove Champ. Ted Myles is in the fold with his team which is representing the St. Paul Social Center of East St. Louis, Ill.

The Social Center has in the past always sent well prepped fighters into the battles of the Simon-Pures. Bob Foxworth, the National A.A.U. 175-pound champ two years ago was taught the fundamentals of the "swing and duck" business at the Center. It looks as if East St. Louis is making an exceptional strong bid this year for its quota of champs and if physical fitness is going to count a lot it sure looks as if the East Side boys are in.

Cpl. Jim McDonald, husky East St. Louis, Ill., Negro who got his basic in boxing at the St. Paul Social Center A.C. and T-5 Richard Duckworth of Poplar Bluff, Mo., who live just a few hours' ride apart in civilian life, journeyed half way around the world to meet each other, and of all places in the ring, where the Second Annual Mediterranean inter-allied boxing tournament was under way. McDonald pounded out a one-sided victory over Duckworth to reach the amateur heavyweight finals. Duckworth outpointed Cpl. George Culbertson from Brooklyn to gain the semi-finals where he bowed out to McDonald.

What have other towns got that St. Louis hasn't? Other cities not as large as St. Louis, go over the top where boxing is concerned and St. Louis has to be content with the back seat, something radically is wrong. Every St. Louis boy who has come to the front and whose name has figured prominently in boxing, has had to leave these parts and go somewhere else to realize his ambitions. For instance take the latest St. Louis fistic sensation little Charley Riley. Riley performed in St. Louis a few times and the fans liked his work. Riley, with 32 pro victories and 28 kayoes, is pulling them in at Minneapolis where Tony Stecher is promoting. Why not give Riley a chance at some main bouts in St. Louis and keep our St. Louis battlers performing here at home as well as away?

Don't forget to send items and boxing news of interest to readers of this column to Bus Burke, 601 St. Louis Street, DeSota, Mo. News of fighters now in the service will be most welcome and all letters will be answered.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

BERNARD DOCUSEN, who receives purses of $2,000 and better for six-round main events in New Orleans rings, although only 17 years old, will be the big gate magnet during the first six months of 1945. Docusen turns 18 in June and will be eligible for Uncle Sam's Army. Docusen reached the top in local boxing when he got his first six-round main event here against Nick Camarata, boxing Camarata a draw. In a return fight he defeated Chris Dundee's lightweight over the six-round distance.

The New Orleans Filipino closed his 1944 season with a bang on December 18. He boxed a six-round draw with Tommy Rotolo, Rome, N. Y. The draw decision was very unpopular as Docusen was credited with winning four of the six chapters.

Bernard drew $6706.33 net with Rotolo. Docusen's end was $2011.89. Rotolo earned the biggest purse of his career. Tommy's end for the Xmas present draw was over $1600. It was a Louis Messina-Lew Raymond show.

On Dec. 11, Docusen won a six-round decision over Jackie Graves, Austin, Minn., southpaw, who had scored two knockouts over Docusen when the two youngsters were in the medal game.

The Docusen-Graves fight staged by Promoter Heard Ragas and Matchmaker Emile Bruneau netted a gate of $6,807.38 net. Docusen's end was $2,042.21. Graves took a flat $1,000 for the Docusen battle and Ragas and Bruneau made a big payday.

Docusen beat Rotolo with a left hand. He met Rotolo coming in time and again throughout the six rounds. It was usually a hard left to the face. On the other hand Rotolo hardly landed a solid blow from long range.

Rotolo weighed 135¼ pounds. Docusen 133½.

Holman Williams, Detroit, Mich., No. 1 contender for the middleweight title and Joe Carter, Rome, N. Y., fought to a ten-round unpopular draw in the final Negro fight of the 1944 ring season under Louis Messina's promotion at the Coliseum Arena. Williams won eight of the ten rounds. The veteran Detroit Negro is still a great fighter. Now managed by Charley Rose,

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Louis Messina and Heard Ragas, rival promoters of white boxing, alternate with shows and both clubs use Docusen. Ragas and Matchmaker Emile Bruneau started the 1945 season with Docusen against the Blond Tiger, George Ellin's tough club fighter.

Messina has Docusen signed to meet Willie Beltran, New Jersey lightweight, Jan. 15. Beltran holds an eight-round decision over Tommy Rotolo and has fought many other good youngsters in Eastern rings.

Louis Rousse, crack local middleweight prospect, has joined the Merchant Marine. Manager Arthur (Blue) Combel lost a fine youngster in Rousse who will be heard from in a big way after the war is over.

Augie Lapara, one time star of the amateur game, was undefeated in the professional ranks during 1944 and Manager Whitey Esneault predicts that the Italian youth will rise to the main bout class during the present year.

Little Maxie Docusen, brother of Bernard Docusen, engaged in four fights without a defeat during 1945. Maxie turned professional in October.

Lew Raymond, nationally known matchmaker, made a trip to San Jose, Cal., to stage fights but did not like the California climate and is back again in New Orleans. Promoters wishing to contact local promoters for white fighters can reach Louis Messina at 1432 St. Ann Street. Heard Ragas and Emile Bruneau, who also stage white fights can be contacted at the Mattes Gymnasium, 139 Baronne Street.

The only promoter of Negro fights is Louis Messina. His matchmaker, Louis Chattard, is a well-known Negro sportsman. The Messina-Chattard combination address is 1432 St. Ann Street.

Bernard Docusen, Maxie Docusen and Augie Lapara are in the Whitey Esnault-Broadway Johnny Cox stable. Promoters can address this writer at the DeSoto Hotel and Manager Whitey Esneault at 1628 Spain Street, New Orleans, La.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

RAMBLING AROUND . . . local boys appeared with the following results. Billy Graham K.O.'ed Roberto Ramirez, Johnny Cool lost to Pat Scanlon, Alex Doyle lost to Maxie Berger, Ray Rodgers lost to Eddie Campo, Pete Virgin whipped Babe Kelly, Tony Galento K.O.'ed Jack Smith and Mike Ryan, Steve Brogan was stopped by Eddie Saunders, Earl Mintz was stopped by Sal Amoroso but K.O.'ed Percy Idlett, Johnny White outpointed Larry Bouchard but lost to Teddy Randolph, Johnny Cool outpointed Johnny Price and Billy Grant K.O.'ed Walter Thomas.

The Best Prospect of the Month—Al (Bozo) Costantino, younger brother of Lulu, who is unbeaten to date.

News of Interest—Maxie Fisher, former State lightweight champion, is in India with the U. S. Army. Charlie Andrriola, former fight manager, is now a member of the Nutley police force.

Results of the Month—Riviera Park, Belleville: Tony Janiro, 139¾, Youngstown, outpointed Sammy Mammone, 135, Stamford, 8; Benny Williams, 150, Newark, came off the floor to K.O. Rocky Jackson, 147, Philly, 2. Mike Konnes, 131, Brooklyn, stopped Ellie Simley, 135, Detroit, 5. Simley was floored 11 times. Bobby Brown, 155, Harlem, outpointed Willie Scott, 154, Brooklyn, 6.

Johnny Juliano, 124½, Paterson, outpointed Clyde English, 126½, New York City, in eight fast rounds at the Riviera in Belleville. Frankie Lee, 134, Irvington, outpointed Gene Gregory, 134, New Haven, 8. Jay Paganelli, 162, Belleville, outpointed Steve Brogan, 164, Garfield, 6. Willie Scott, 154, Brooklyn, outpointed Jimmy Taylor, 151, Jamaica, L. I., 6. Carsmier Sakulski, 159, Newark, beat Clarence Saunders, 156, Harlem, 4.

Results for the Month at Frank Paula's Jersey Gardens—Jimmy Mulligan, 174½, Boston southpaw, K.O.'ed Billy (Al Stephany), 180, New York City, 3. Joey DeJohn, 147, Troy, N. Y., outpointed Jimmy Davis, 151, Pittsburgh, 6. Jimmy Mason, 135½, Camp Kilmer, K.O.'ed Jackie Savino, 132, Long Island City, 3. Tommy Gagan, 145, Brooklyn, K.O.'ed Milton Skyers, 148, New York City, 1. Johnny Fusco, 134, Jersey City and Pepper Hayes, 140, Newark, drew, 4.

Joe Curcio, 148, Newark southpaw, K.O.'ed Oscar Suggs, 148, Providence, 2. Sandy Saddler, 124, Harlem, K.O.'ed Young Tony, 125½, Elizabeth, 5. Gregory Costello, 132, New York City, outpointed Rudy Revere, 134, Cuba, 6. Al (Bozo) Costantino, 144, New York City, K.O.'ed Willie Johnson, 144, Brooklyn, 2. Sal Giglio, 133, New York City, K.O.'ed Johnny Fusco, 131, Jersey City, 2.

Dom Amoroso, 134, rising Jersey Cityite, outpunched Carmine Fatta, 135, Newburgh, N. Y., 8. Jimmy Mason, 132, Camp Kilmer, K.O.'ed Jackie Savino, 131, Long Island City, 2. Al (Teddy) Green, 148, Bayonne, outpointed Jimmy Taylor, 151, Jamaica, L. I., 6. Al (Bozo) Costantino, 141½, New York City, K.O.'ed Sig Stevens, 142½, Bayonne, 1. Joe Blackwood, 154, Paterson, K.O.'ed Buddy Jackson, 160, Newark, 1:06 of 1st round.

Jimmy Mulligan, 169¾, Boston southpaw, K.O.'ed Tiger Lou Jones, 171, New York City, 4. Artie Tedesco, 144, Jersey City Coast Guardsman, outpointed Jackie Conners, 143, Newark, 6. Frankie Daniels, 142, Hempstead, L. I., K.O.'ed Tommy Dowd, 142, Harlem, 5; Jesse Swau, 149, Nutley, K.O.'ed Joe White, 151, Newark, 0:46 of second round.

Sailor Joey Haddad, Paterson portsider, easily outpointed Mario Miceli of New Haven, 6. Haddad's weight was 146 and Miceli's was 149½. Jimmy Millis, 142, Harlem, rallied to outpoint Al (Teddy) Green, 145, Bayonne, 8. Joe Blackwood, 157, Paterson, outpointed Jimmy Taylor, 158, Jamaica, L. I., 6. Manuel Mayo, 128, Puerto Rico, T.K.O.'ed Avelino Macedo, 126, Mexico, 1. Billy Gould, outpointed Sal Giglio, 4. Gould came from Newark and weighed 138; Giglio from New York, 135. Bob Esteria, 136, Mexico, outpointed Jimmy Bo, 136, New York, 4.

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